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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY T. REZABEK

To my fellow Paratroopers, Glidermen and the Airborne community:

I hope everyone is well.

Even with the "lockdown" the Association is still active and doing business.

I traveled to Kentucky for their monthly meeting and to put some lead down range at Knob Creek Gun Range. I thank the Kentucky chapter, they are always welcoming and make you feel at home. Thanks to Bill Waller and his family for letting me stay with them.

We have said goodbye to some old friends and have welcomed in new friends. We say good bye to MG Mingus and CSM Burgoyne. Both great leaders and good hearted men . We wish them and their families all the best in their upcoming assignments. We welcome in MG Donahue and CSM Pitt we know the division remains in good hands and wish them well.

I was able to attend some events at Ft Bragg recently. Exec Director Bauer and I placed a wreath at the Airborne museum for the Divisions memorial service. The commander, MG Mingus, and DCSM, CSM Burgoyne, also placed a wreath to honor our fallen. Exec Bauer and I observed the Division Hall of Fame Ceremony from a distant location. We congratulated all inductees especially PP Chappy Woods, PP CSM Rath, and CSM Regan for their induction. I was able to meet with and congratulate, Col Nightengale and SFC Obe Wickersham on their induction.

Exec Bauer and I awarded the Division Trooper and Division NCO of the year with their awards at Division HQ. We thank all the businesses that donated gifts for these fine troopers.

We had the honor to attend the Division Change of Command Ceremony. I know the Division is in good hands and will always be at the ready.

Thank you Bill and Laura Bauer for letting me stay with them during my visit to the "Center of the Universe".

I welcome the new directors to the board. There were 6 positions open and we had 6 members apply. They will start their terms in Jan 2021. We have a very strong and competent board for the upcoming year. I wish them all the best.

We have made some tough decisions this year, but they were the right ones. I pray that this virus will be controlled soon and we can get back to normal. I am still looking forward to Veterans Day I Washington DC and any other events that I am able to attend. Dee and I really miss our Airborne family and hope to see everyone soon.

God bless America and those that have , and do, defend her.

Airborne, All The Way
Gary "Doc" Rezabek, SFC(R)
National President
82nd Airborne Division Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



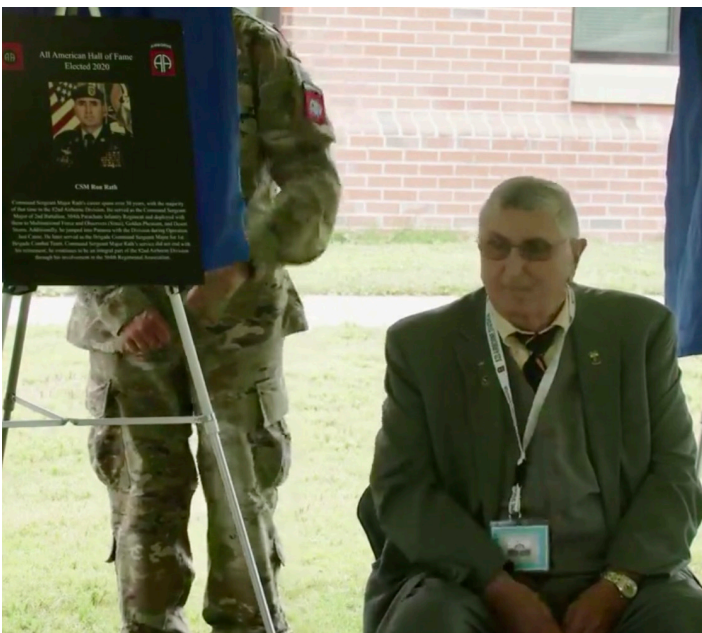
Kentucky Chapter at Knobb Creek



Executive Director, Bill Bauer and I at Division Memorial Ceremony



MG Mingus and DCSM Burgoyne at the Memorial



CSM Rath inducted into the 82nd Hall of Fame



CSM Regan inducted into the 82nd Hall of Fame



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Exec Dir Bauer and CSM Rath, (with masks), at the Hall of Fame ceremony.



MG Donahue, Exec Dir Bauer and myself at the Division Change of Command.



MG Mingus Division Change of Command



Division Hall of Fame inductee Obe Wickersham



Division Hall of Fame inductee Col Nightengale

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Members,

I want to begin by thanking Major General James Mingus, and Command Sergeant Major Cliff Burgoyne, for the outstanding dedication and service to the 82nd Airborne Division, and the enormous impact they have made to ensure the success and readiness of the Division.

I also want to welcome Major General Christopher Donahue and Division Command Sergeant Major David Pitts to their new positions as All American 6 and All American 9. The Army could not have selected more competent and outstanding Leaders to lead our Division. These are two of the best our Military has to offer and we are sure they will lead the 82nd Airborne Division to even greater heights, and continue to honor the history of our storied Division. We look forward to supporting the Division through your mentorship.



BILL BAUER

The Association's National Office continues to work diligently to improve our Association, and ensure its success, even through these difficult times. Although the loss of events this year have strained our usual abilities to raise funds, we continue to work on new avenues of fund raising to ensure our success. We ask that you continue or begin following our monthly National Bulletins to stay up-to-date on the operations, and projects of the Association. The Jul-Aug 2020 Bulletin available on our Website at: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/>. It is also available on our Enews Bulletin (If you do not receive the Enews Bulletin, you can sign up for it online or simply email us your email address for inclusion) and has been emailed to every Chapter email account. Want to know what's going on with your Association? Read our Bulletins! We try to give you detailed descriptions of all that is new, all that is going on in the Association, and deadlines for all Chapter documents needed by the Association. I can tell you that most questions we receive at the National Office are answered in our Bulletins, and questions that have not been answered are addressed in following Bulletins. We want our Membership to know what is going on and will continue to work to answer all your questions. If we do not address questions your Chapters may have, please contact our office for assistance. We are here to support our Chapters.

Have you seen our 82nd Airborne Division Association Bourbon Bottle from Boundary Oaks Distillery? Look inside this Paraglide for more information. The Association worked closely with the Distillery to design a bottle worthy of the 82nd name and we think we have succeeded. They are not easy to get right now, but the Distillery is working hard on producing more and increasing the places it will be available. Everyone will get an opportunity to get one.

As always, we are honored to serve with you in the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Your Board of Directors are working hard to make our Association great, and are very grateful for your continued support. We hope to see many of you as soon as we can, and hope that all of you remain safe and healthy.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

Bill Bauer, Executive Director

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

30th Anniversary of Operation Just Cause Page 40
Fayetteville, NC April 16-17, 2021
Dave Henderson opjustcause2020@gmail.com

Please note that National Convention has been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19.

Future Association Regional Chapter Events, 2-days or longer, need to be coordinated with the Association Headquarters, and an Event REGISTRATION page is required, prior to being entered and announced on the ASSOCIATION CALENDAR.

FALL DEADLINE

The Deadline for the Fall Paraglide is:

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER DONAHUE



Major General Christopher Donahue Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division

Major General Donahue was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry Branch in 1992 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Major General Donahue served as a platoon leader in Korea, Fort Polk, Louisiana and the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following promotion to captain, he served as a rifle company commander in 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry in Camp Kobbe, Panama.

He then served as an assistant operations officer, rifle and headquarters company commander in 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Major General Donahue subsequently moved to Washington, D.C. and served as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Following his time at the Pentagon, he served as assistant operations officer, squadron operations officer, squadron executive officer,

troop commander, selection and training detachment commander, operations officer, squadron commander, and deputy brigade commander (support) within US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After attending Harvard University as a US Army War College Fellow, he returned to Fort Bragg and commanded a brigade within USASOC. He was then assigned as the Director of Operations for the US Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). He then served as the deputy commanding general (maneuver) of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO where he deployed in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Major General Donahue then served as the Infantry School Commandant and Director of the Soldier Lethality Cross Functional Team at Fort Benning, GA.

He then served as the Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism, J-3, for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. He most recently served as the Commander, Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. He has deployed 17 times in support of operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, North Africa, and Eastern Europe. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Naval War College, and the US Army War College Fellowship at Harvard University.

MG Donahue is married to Devon Donahue and they have five children: Alanna, Amir, Zachary, Haley, and Joseph.



[82nd Airborne Division Welcomes New Leaders in Fort Bragg Ceremony - Click here to read the story.](#)

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DAVID R. PITT

Command Sergeant Major David R. Pitt Command Sergeant Major, 82d Airborne Division

CSM David Pitt is a native of the Bronx New York. He enlisted in the Army October 1992 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at FT. Benning, GA. His first assignment was A Co 2/505 PIR where he served as a rifleman. His other assignments include Scout assistant team leader; XVIII Airborne Corps Commander Driver; Drill Sergeant D CO 2/60th Infantry Battalion FT. Jackson, SC; Long Range Surveillance Team Leader E Co 102 MI BDE 2ID Camp Hovey, Korea; Rifle Platoon Sergeant B Co 2/505 PIR; Anti-Armor Platoon Sergeant

D CO. 2/505 PIR; Scout Platoon Sergeant HHC 1/505 PIR; First Sergeant A CO 1/505 PIR; HHC Special Troops Battalion 3BCT; Senior Military Instructor at Florida A&M University; Command Sergeant Major I-335 Infantry Camp Atterbury Indiana; Command Sergeant Major Garrison FT. Polk Louisiana; Talent Manager 11/19Z HRC FT. Knox Kentucky; Sergeants Major DAMO-TR G-3/5/7 HQDA Pentagon.

CSM Pitt is a graduate of all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education System, Nominative Leaders Course, Sergeants Major Course class #62, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Drill Sergeant School, Ranger School, Long Range Reconnaissance Course, Air Assault School, Garrison Leaders Course, Airborne School, Jump Master Course. CSM Pitt earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Excelsior College.

CSM Pitt's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (9 AWD), National Defense Service Medal (2nd AWD), Iraq Campaign Medal (4 CS), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, British Parachutist Badge, Order of St Maurice (Bronze Award) and is member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.



2020 NCO AND TROOPER OF THE YEAR



Trooper of the Year SPC Collin Stanley

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 NCO AND TROOPER OF THE YEAR

The 82nd Airborne Division Association would like to congratulate the 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper of the Year, SPC Colin Stanley of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and the 82nd Airborne Division Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, SSG Nicholas Branch of 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division! This is the second year in a row that SSG Branch has been the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year!

As you know, the 82nd Airborne Division Association award presentation is held during All American Week. However, due to Covid-19 All American Week was cancelled, but the competition for Noncommissioned Officer and Trooper of the Year was still held. Due to the requirements for Jumpmaster of the Year, that competition did not take place.



NCO of the Year SSG Nicholas Branch

However, the Association and our sponsors still wanted to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishment of SPC Stanley and SSG Branch. On the 9th of July, their achievements were recognized, on the Division patio, with presentations from the Association, Heritage Jewelers, Mission BBQ, USAA, AUSA, Veterans United Home Loans, Beasley Media Group, Fayetteville Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Vettes Unlimited NC, and Triple Nickel.

We would like to thank to all our sponsors for your continued support!



Executive Director Bill Bauer, Trooper of the Year SPC Colin Stanley, NCO of the Year SSG Nicholas Branch and Association President Gary Rezabek

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR RECOGNIZING
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2020

TROOPER AND NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF
THE YEAR



Vettes Unlimited NC



BOUNDARY OAKS DISTILLERY

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to be working with Boundary Oak Distillery on producing an 82nd Airborne Division Association Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottle. This bottle is dedicated to the history and service of the past and present Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Association and Boundary Oak carefully and thoughtfully selected each design detail of the bottle to honor the 82nd Airborne Division. The shape of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Bottle was chosen for two reasons. The top of the bottle is reminiscent of the canopy of the old U.S. Army parachute and the bottom forms the “V” for Victory representing the Victory during WW II. The blue wax sealer represents the blue skies above the canopy. The front of the bottle displays the Association logo which contains the 82nd Airborne Division’s nickname of “America’s Guard of Honor”, given to the Division by General George Patton upon his review of the Division in post-war Berlin. The Division logo is placed within the prestigious Master Parachutist Wings, earned by the most experienced of U.S. Army Jumpmasters.

Below is the name of the nation’s only and greatest Airborne Division, the “82nd Airborne Division”. As you look through the bottle you will see the Division Unit Patch surrounded by images of the Division throughout its history.

The label on the back of the bottle gives a short history of the Division and finishes by reinforcing the Division’s promise to America to always be ready and prepared to deploy quickly to defend our Nation from its enemies.

The first batch of 2500 bottles has already sold out. They are already producing the second batch of bottles for sale. In August, distribution across the country will increase and we will keep our members informed on our social media. Currently, the bottles are available at participating liquor stores in Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas.

Boundary Oaks Distillery has been OVER RUN to say the least with orders and calls! For those who have pre-ordered your bottles, they are ready ANY time you want to come get them. Anyone who wants to order please just give them time, leave them a message, and they will get back to you asap. They are open Tues-Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 12pm-5pm Call: 270-351-2013 Exclusive numbered bottles will also be offered for auction in the near future, through the National Office. These will include such bottles as 504, 325, 505, 508, 319, etc. All proceeds of these auctions will go the Association in an effort to continue our ongoing projects.

Airborne, All the Way!



BOUNDARY OAKS DISTILLERY



SGT JOHN F. PLUNKARD BRIDGE DEDICATION

My brother served in A Co. 1/503rd, 173rd Airborne (Sep) in 66-67 in Vietnam, returned home and was assigned to the A Co. 2/504th 82nd Airborne. During TET, he was transferred to the 3rd brigade in Co B 1/505th, deployed back to Vietnam in February 1968. He was KIA 8 April 68 outside of Hue during the battle of the Lazy W. He is a Silver Star recipient along with the Bronze Star w/V device and 2 OLC, the Purple Heart with OLC, CIB, attended Red Eye School in Texas and attended Raider School (Recondo School). Fifty years after his death, I had the State of Maryland dedicated a bridge in his honor. This was the first dedication of a road or bridge dedicated to any Vietnam Veteran killed in action in the entire State. What better tribute than it be a paratrooper from the 82nd Airborne Division.

I also was a paratrooper in the 1/504th from 75-78 along with my nephew who was a member of the 82nd, his wife was a CO in the 18th Airborne Corps and their daughter is now serving. My father in law was also a member of the 82nd during WWII earning both is jump wings and his glider wings. Grand total of 6 paratroopers in the family.

Attached is a picture of the bridge sign dedicated to my brother in 2018. Also attached is a fellow trooper (Andy Blais) who served with my brother during TET and attended the ceremony and a newspaper article written by his son that was posted in our local newspaper.

Joe Plunkard



SGT JOHN F. PLUNKARD BRIDGE DEDICATION

'His whole heart was for other people'

Frederick County Vietnam War vet honored with bridge dedication

By **STEVE BOHNEL**
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Army Sgt. John F. Plunkard, a Frederick County resident who was killed while serving in Vietnam on April 6, 1968, has several awards for his military service: The Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart are just a few.

It was clear, however, at

a bridge ceremony Friday afternoon at the American Legion in Woodsboro that he also deeply touched the lives of many people in western Maryland and beyond.

Plunkard grew up about half a mile from the Md. 355 bridge. On Friday, he became the first Vietnam War veteran killed in action from Maryland to have

a bridge or road dedicated to him, according to Dwight Reynolds, American Legion Frederick County commander.

"It's gonna open up the door for other family members of Vietnam War veterans killed in action to have their loved ones memorialized and honored," Reynolds said after Friday's ceremony. "It's



Army Sgt. John F. Plunkard

closure, and acknowledgment that they served our country, and died for our country."

He and several others spoke about John's life as both a civilian and soldier. Many local elected officials were in attendance: County Executive Jan Gardner

(See PLUNKARD A4)



Staff photo by Bill Green

Army Sgt. John F. Plunkard grew up about half a mile from the Md. 355 bridge over Interstate 70.

Remembering a man who walked 'the point' ...

TRAVIS BLAIS

In Army parlance, "walking the point" means walking in front of your unit, alone, until you make contact with the enemy. Obviously, it's dangerous. Its very purpose is to provoke the enemy to fire and reveal their location. You don't volunteer to walk the point. You take turns.

The 82nd Airborne Division touched down in Vietnam in February 1968, right in the dragon's mouth of the Tet Offensive. In eight weeks, 9,000 American and allied troops would die. It remains the American military's bloodiest time since D-Day.

Dad wasn't green. He'd already seen a year of jungle action in the Congo. All the same, he deferred to his friend and squad leader, a handsome and brave sergeant from Frederick, Md., named John Plunkard.

Outside the ancient city of Hue, Airborne fought every day for six weeks. By day, a man carried 100 pounds of supplies and ammunition in the heat and rain. By night, he barely slept, ready to jump at every noise.

The enemy was cunning. After every tactical defeat, they would fall back to a series of clever ambushes. For Airborne, it was make contact, followed by bullets, rockets, napalm. Repeat.

John and Dad put their lives in each other's hands. During a ferocious battle in a Buddhist cemetery, they teamed up to root Charlie out of his bunkers. Ordered to assault a wooden bridge where another squad had been decimated, they made a pact. If either fell on the bridge, the other would push his body over the side, into the river and out of the line of fire.

At a bend in the river called the "Lazy W," the North Viet-

namese were patient. They waited for a squad to cross a canal, cut off from the rest of the platoon, before they opened up the machine guns. John led a counter-assault to cover the survivors' escape. It came at a cost. An explosion near Dad's head shredded his eardrum and knocked him senseless. He remained with John as "walking wounded," but the rest of the team was out of action.

The next morning, someone in the squad had to walk the point. It was Dad's turn. John looked at Dad, still listless and bloody. He looked at the fresh replacement troops, new to the field. Then John made a decision. He himself would walk.

"He knew it was suicide," Dad remembers, 44 years later. "It was an entirely selfless act."

John Plunkard was only 21 when they handed his Purple Heart and Silver Star to his mother. He was laid to rest in Mount Olivet Cemetery near his home in Frederick.

Dad told us this story from our youngest days. It was the Blais family's founding legend, in which a small twist of fate could've changed everything. And Dad remains close with the Plunkard family in Maryland, particularly John's sister, Ann, and his brother, Joe, who was only 14 when his big brother, every boy's hero, was lost.

One summer night when I lived in Washington, Dad stayed over en route to visiting my sister farther south. After breakfast, we parted ways and I joined friends on the National Mall for America's best Fourth of July party. Late in the day, restless, a friend and I walked toward the sun setting behind the

Lincoln Memorial. We detoured toward the Vietnam Memorial, better known simply as "the Wall," which I'd visited enough to know John was on Panel 48E.

As we approached in the purple twilight, I discovered we weren't the first to pay our respects that day. In the white stripes of a small American flag stuck in the ground, in Dad's distinctive handwriting, was "YOU TOOK MY PLACE AT POINT. I CAN NEVER FORGET"

I went to take the flag as a keepsake, but I resisted, thinking "this is a sacrifice." A sacrifice must be given up, even where the sacrifice was so unfairly, unalterably inadequate.

Like Memorial Day itself, this story is about the power of remembering. "I can never forget." Yes, we all have a duty to remember those who gave their lives. But it took me years to understand the second meaning — for those left behind, remembering isn't always voluntary.

This Memorial Day, I pray God will comfort John and the rest of the fallen. Please tell them they are not forgotten. As for their families and comrades still among us, please console them should they bear anger, grief or guilt. Tell them they are our heroes, too.

TRAVIS BLAIS

writes from Windham, N.H. His father, Andrew, lives in Barrington, N.H. John Plunkard, of Frederick, was killed in action on April 18, 1968. Members of the Plunkard family still live in the Frederick area.

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

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For more information please contact the National Headquarters at (910) 223-1182, or via email at

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2020 ALL AMERICAN WEEK COIN & SHIRT

All American Week may be canceled, but we can still have a coin - a unique coin that displays the cancellation of All American Week and our feelings for the cause of the cancellation.

The 2020 All American Week coin celebrates our World War II Veterans' contributions to the Victory of the

Second World War on the front of the coin. On the back, the coin explains the cancellation of the 2020 All American Week and how not everything that is called Airborne is necessarily good. We are not projecting to run this coin in large numbers, so you will want to purchase it quickly. Pre-order sales will begin on 1 May 2020 at a cost of \$16, plus postage, and will only be available in the Shop on our website. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call the National Office at (910)223-1182. Get yours before they are all gone.

<https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/shop.html>



Born on the 4th of July has coordinated with the Association in an effort to offset the expense of cancelling AAW 2020. A portion of the proceeds of shirt sales will go directly to the Association. This is a collector's item (limited run). To purchase go to <https://bornonthe4thofjuly.com/associations-chapters/all-american-week-2020/>





The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial
Washington D.C.
www.ndswm.org

The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

Today, the United States lacks a national memorial dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of its Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association's goal is for completion of the Memorial to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, in 2021.

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

Location

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Financial Position

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

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VETERAN CHAPTER NEWS

This section reflects the backbone of the Association - the Chapters and what you are doing month in and month out to enhance the Airborne spirit across America. When writing for this section, we ask that you keep in mind the following tips.

Issue date: The dates are the 30th of January, April, July and October. Please write as if the event is taking place before those dates.

Captions: Include information for every photo so everyone will know who's who.

Send to Executive Director: Please send all TAPS, changes of address and new Chapter Officers so that the Association's records may be accurately maintained.

Space: The general rule for space is that each Chapter is allotted a half page and we use everyone's submissions. However, cuts must sometimes be made in the interest of space and overall page count.

AKRON CHAPTER

The Akron chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division was the tenth chapter established in the USA after WWII in 1949. Over its long history, many of the chapter's widows of the senior members who served in WWII donated items their husband troopers had collected as memorabilia of their service.

One of the most significant items are mannequins of troopers fully equipped in jump gear. The photo inserted here is the best example of three of the mannequins the chapter came to own.

Bob Winkler (54-57) now retired chairman of the Akron chapter, preserved these donations over the twelve years he was chairman and stored them in his home office in Kent, Ohio. Bob, served in the 325 PIR company prior to joining the 82nd ABN MP company as a motorcycle patrolman.

Last September, Bob decided he needed to take action to preserve the memorabilia collected –over 100 items–for future generations of troopers. He contacted the MAPS Museum in N. Canton, Ohio that has a military annex attached to the air museum of WWII aircraft. The curator, Scott Dennis, accepted the items as a donation from the Akron Chapter and is currently displaying the airborne special forces mannequin along with many of the other items donated.



AKRON CHAPTER



PARACHUTIST BADGE
The Parachutist Badge or "wing" is one of the most coveted awards in the U.S. Military. They are earned by successfully completing the rigorous U.S. Army Airborne Course. They signify that the holder is a fully trained Military Paratrooper. The badge was designed in 1941 by then Capt. Milton P. Tompkins. They have been awarded to all new Paratroopers since.

"Airborne Sir"

The US Airborne Division
This display is representative of a World War Two 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper. It was assembled and funded by members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

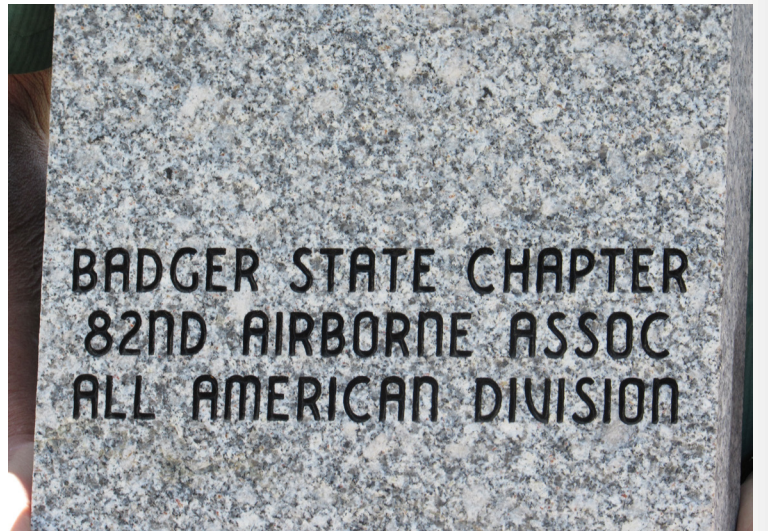
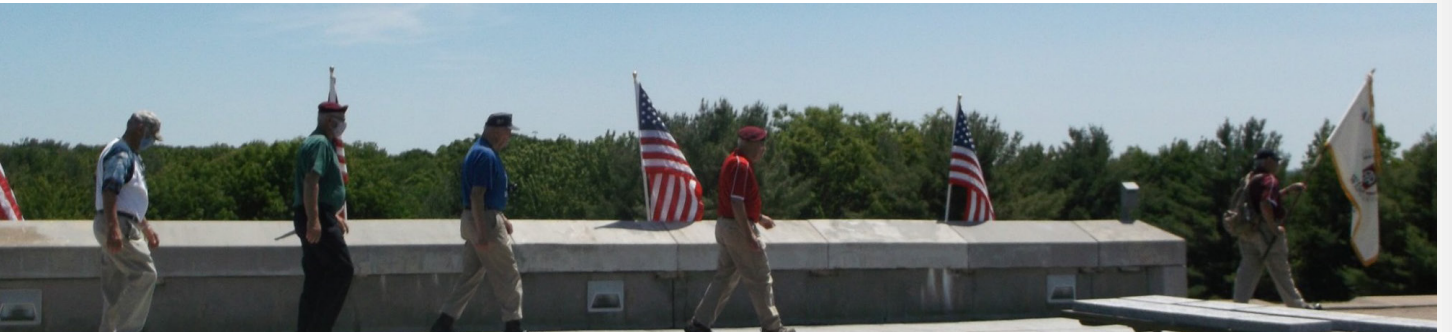
BADGER STATE CHAPTER

The Badger State Chapter members participating in placing a memorial stone at The Highground, the nation's premier manned veterans memorial park, located in Neillsville, WI. These honor stones are solid granite stones inscribed with the names of individuals and/or organizations being recognized and honored with a profound and lasting tribute. The honoree may be a veteran or non-veteran, living or not, an individual or organization involved in supporting these U.S. troops. The Highground was honored to have been chosen as the home of The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tribute.

Participants were from left to right: Bret VanBlaircom (past Chairman), Dave Kempf (Sgt of Arms), Jim Morris (Trustee), Frank Morris (Vice Chairman), Howard Renneck (Member), Jim Yenschky (Chairman), and Gilbert Holcomb (Treasurer).



BADGER STATE CHAPTER



CHICAGO CHAPTER

Greetings, 82nd Airborne Division Association! As of this writing, we are still all experiencing this international pandemic that has impacted so many aspects of our daily life and resulted in widespread illness and worse.

Our Chicago Chapter is doing our best to adapt to these trying times, including cancelling events and moving our monthly chapter meetings online. Using Google Meet to host our chapter meetings has been a first for us, however it's allowed us to reconnect with members who live away from the Chicagoland area and that's been greatly appreciated. Going forward, we're going to find a way to combine both in-person and online gatherings so that all of our membership can participate.

Pandemic or not, our chapter once again awarded our annual John E. Hughes Chicago Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Assn All-Airborne Scholarship. Our 2020 recipient was Cadet Nicholas Elish of Loyola University. Cadet Elish is an Airborne-qualified Criminal Justice & Criminology major who just completed his Junior year and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.75. The award included a cash scholarship and an Iron Mike statue.



Cadet-Elish-2020-Scholarship-Recipient



Laurie-Emmer-IL-VFW-Commander

We're also proud to announce that Laurie Emmer, an All American Member of the Chicago Chapter, was recently installed as the Commander of the Illinois State VFW for 2020-2021. We wish Laurie the very best of luck in her new role and know that she will bring her Airborne spirit to that outstanding organization.

For those interested, our chapter is already working on the 2021 edition of our popular Airborne Wall Calendar. This brand new design will be ready in late November and will be available for sale on our chapter website or on our eBay store.

To close, our Chicago Chapter wishes our entire Airborne Family our very best. These are challenging times, however we'll certainly survive and be stronger on the other side. We invite you to keep in touch with our chapter via our website at www.chicagoairborne.com or our Facebook group. And feel free to email us at info@chicagoairborne.com any time. Airborne, All The Way!

GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA ALL AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER

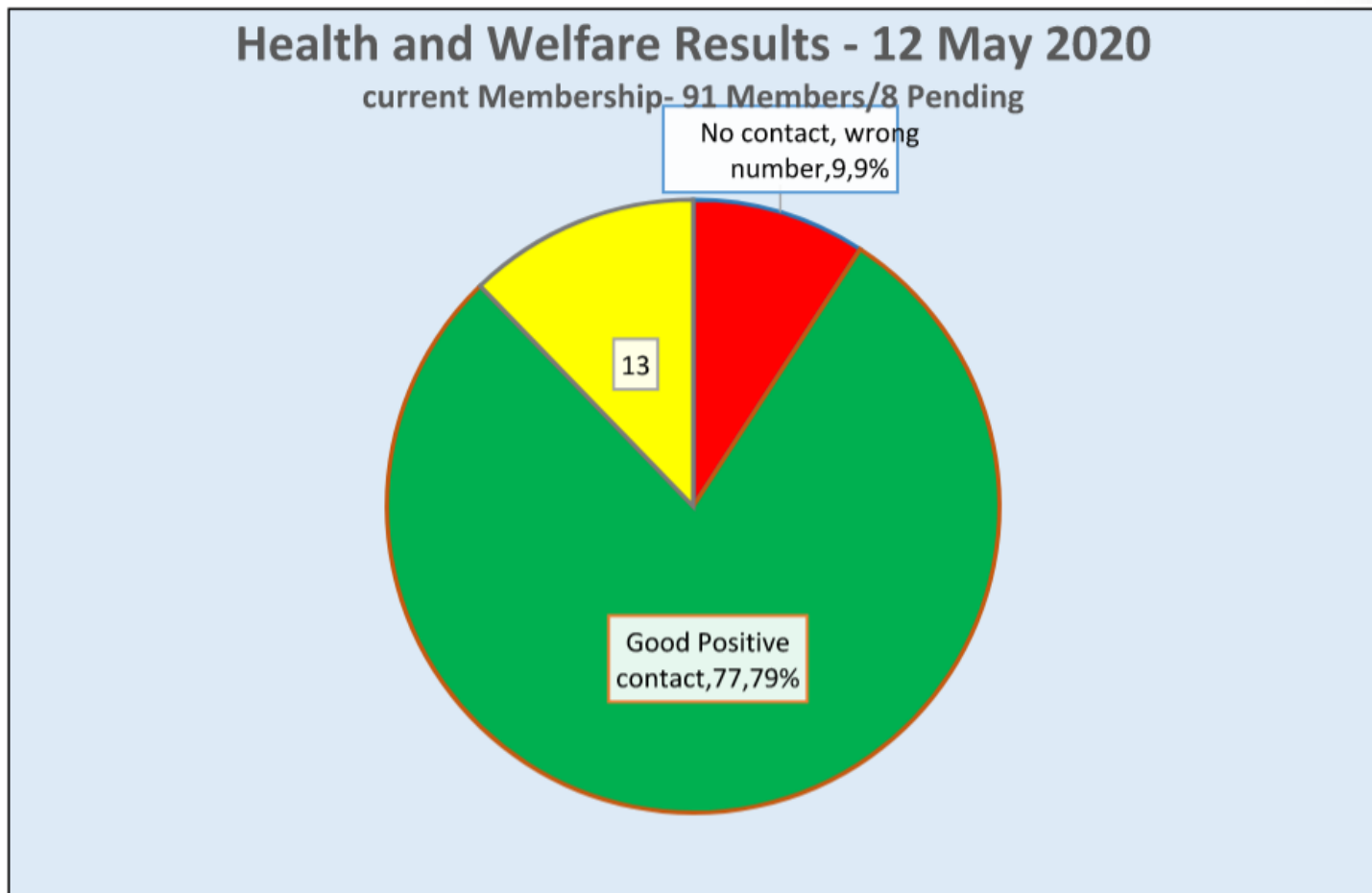


The GEN Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter committed to seeking creative ways to reach out to members in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic and various shelter-in-place directives established across the country this past spring. In this spirit we conducted a chapter health and welfare member check via telephone, 12 and 14 May 2020. The chapter's executive committee, concerned that some of our members may be socially isolated or in need of health care information developed a plan by which each leader contacted a group of members in order to see how they were doing and determine if they needed any information or other support. These calls also served to verify member contact information, share news and just catch up with old jump buddies.

The calls took place over two nights, with the calls coordinated through a zoom meeting, with the chapter secretary issuing call assignments and updating member contact information in near real time. The chapter's leaders successfully contacted 77 members, while leaving messages with another 13, and confirming that 9 members required updated contact information.

The chapter received a highly positive response from the members who received calls. They seemed genuinely pleased that the chapter was looking out for their interests. The calls demonstrate that as paratroopers we remain committed to taking care of each other regardless of the challenge.

Here are our final results



AATW!

JAMES ETHERTON DETROIT CHAPTER

As this is being printed the state is still under a COVID-19 lockdown but should open up soon. We haven't had a meeting since the first week in March due to the quarantine, and it's the first year we've not had a parade season as all the parades and festivals have been canceled this year. We are having our family picnic along with the 425 Regimental Assn joining us on July 25th at the VFW Corporal Bruce Post 1146 in St Clair Shores where we hold our meetings. They'll be free burgers, hot dogs, side dishes, deserts, and refreshments galore. We're again hoping for jumpers but it all depends on the weather and our governor's executive orders as to what we're allowed and not allowed to do at any of our gatherings.

Also as this goes to press Joe Clyburn is in the hospital. He initially went in with heart irregularities and has now caught pneumonia. Joe was with the 187th in Korea and has been a Board of Governors member for as long as we can remember. Pat Roberts is on the mend but still having problems with blockages in his bile ducts. His lovely bride Sally has been his "nurse" and has been taking great care of him, cleaning out and refreshing his equipment.

Our own Steve Mrozek was in the documentary "Maggie's War" about James Magellas of H Company, 504th PIR of WWII and his time with the 82nd from Sicily through the end of the war and was noted in the credits for his participation. Steve was our national association historian for years and has run tours of European battlefields for our veterans and is well known for his intimate knowledge of the history of the airborne during WWII. Steve is also a combat veteran who served in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne division and brings personal knowledge of combat to all his presentations.

Our country is in turmoil unseen since the Vietnam War by radical socialist extremists who wish only to tear down our government and establish as socialist system leading to a communist system. It's being run by those who belong to the Democratic Socialists of America and funded by outside sources hostile to American values and America's place as the leader of the free world by using false narratives to indoctrinate those ignorant of our history and \ wish to tear down any and all statues and references to our past that they don't agree with, in order to rewrite history to fit their narrative. Our troops are being vilified as are our police and law enforcement personnel who are doing their utmost best to protect and serve and uphold the rule of law. Pray for our nation as prayers are our strongest weapons and ballots as bullets come the elections in November. God bless and stay safe and healthy.

Bob Slivatz – columnist



Joe Clyburn



Tino Madrid and Tom Mazzareese

KENTUCKY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The first half of 2020 has been tough on everyone. For us at the Kentucky Airborne Chapter it started with having to cancel our Kentucky Airborne Reunion that we had planned for February in Lexington. Then, like everyone else, we were hit with the Covid-19 lockdowns. Luckily with all the technology we were able to bounce back at least a little and have some Zoom meetings and keep in touch with one another over the internet. Unfortunately large gatherings were still not being allowed so we were not able to see our friends at All American Week nor National Convention as they had to be cancelled.



In June we were honored to be invited to Boundary Oak Distillery in Radcliff, Kentucky to taste the bourbon that would be put into the new 82nd Airborne Bottles. The owner gave us a complete behind the scenes tour of his distillery and told us the history he has in bourbon and the local community. Joe Steen educated him on our great division.



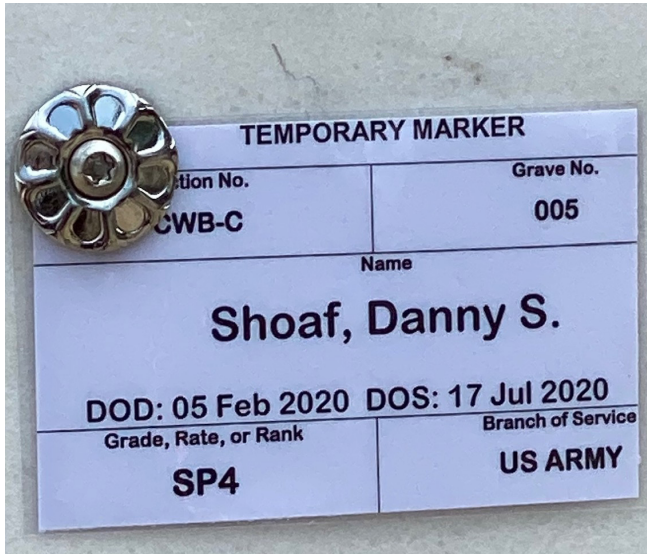
KENTUCKY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

June we were fortunate enough to get together in small outdoor settings so we decided to go to the range to blow off some of our frustration and then enjoy a fish fry lunch meeting. In July things were looking good enough to have our regular meeting at the local American Legion Post.



KENTUCKY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

During this pandemic, our chapter lost one of our most colorful paratroopers as Danny Shoaf made his final jump. A memorial service was held at the KY Veterans Cemetery.



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

2020 was off to a great start: we met at our regular chapter meeting place, the American Legion Post 161 in Arvada, CO and enjoyed great food and fellowship. The first Executive meeting of 2020 for our Rocky Mountain Chapter of the 82nd Abn Assn covered the year's schedule: multiple parades to attend, national chapter events in May and Aug, and the annual picnic. No one suspected a thing.

A couple of months passed, and the next executive meeting was held as a phone conference instead of meeting at our usual location to discuss chapter business needs. Despite our best efforts to continue with the annual picnic as planned, the council resolved to err on the conservative side for the sake of the health of not only our members, but their dependents as well.

After all, our picnics are always a great success for our members and their families:



Rocky Mtn Chapter of the 82nd Abn Assn and their families meet at the 2019 annual picnic in Denver, CO.



2019 annual picnic for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER



Getting together with the brotherhood is always good for the soul: At the 2019 annual picnic, Alan Jenkins (center), RMC Treasurer, catches up with other chapter members. God Bless America. Airborne All The Way!



82ND ASSOCIATION LEGACY

As the Association moves forward in to the 21st Century, many supportive members will make their last jump! The number of members that have supported our Association over the years numbers in the hundreds of thousands.

The Association was founded in 1944 by WWII Paratroopers and Glidermen. Their vision was to establish a fraternity that would foster Airborne camaraderie for life. Several years later the 82nd Association almost collapsed. In the late 1940's the Association was reinvigorated by Association Veterans and the rest is history. They made some hard decisions and recommitted themselves, setting the standard that has continued for over 68 years.

Through the years many Association changes have occurred. This past year, yet another chapter was written in our Association's history. An Association LIFE member and benefactor has made a commitment to the 82nd Airborne Division Association and will bequeath a sum of money on his final jump!

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SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Needless to say that COVID 19 had taken it's toll on SWAAC's fund raising season. Along with it, Walter Reed has of course closed down to all visitors except staff and family. This means that our ambassador to Walter Reed, Dan Boring hasn't been able to visit and deliver checks.

This hasn't prevented our regular donors from sending in checks and showing their support for what we do. Recently we received a \$500.00 check and were told to do whatever we need to with the money. As it turns out the Homeless Veteran's shelter in Union Grove was in need of basic necessities for the vets housed there. With the aid of "Doc" Dentice, we were able to make a difference. "Doc" runs a consolidated veterans organization for the state of Wisconsin alert others in the state of VA medical van and benefits advisors visits in various areas. He also hosts event flyers for other veterans fund raisers and ceremonies. Sadly this summer he has had more cancellations than events to highlight.

The Chapter became aware of a local wounded warrior through some news coverage and Dan Boring's association with the Legion Riders. We have set up meeting with Sergeant Blake Buchanan to present him with one of our checks.

In 2005 while in Iraq, Blake, an Army Engineer specializing in Carpentry and Masonry, was building a carport on Ramadi's growing base when a mortar struck the work site. The explosion forced a 13' x 30' framed wall over and directly onto Blake, striking his back and lower extremities. After two weeks of bed rest he went back out with lingering spinal and musculoskeletal injuries that would never effectively heal. Months later an incoming mortar struck a tree outside his building: it's shock wave threw Blake back into the building— effectively protecting him from the shrapnel, yet leaving him with a Traumatic Brain Injury. Again, he went on to further serve and fulfill his duties.

Four years later, he deployed to Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, where additional years of convoys, patrols and security assignments on the front line further contributed to the enemy growing within him: PTSD. Too many damaging incidents, horrifying memories, and years of violence and uncertainty collectively took their toll on his physical and mental health, and eventually pushed him to separate in 2014. He left knowing he had struggles; but had no idea they would eventually leave him 100% disabled with the V.A.

Sadly, our Chairman, Nick Pulera has decided to retire from the position due to age and health concerns which have nothing to do with the virus scare. Nick has not only been our Chapter Chairman, he has founded a car club in the Kenosha area and organized dances/Soc Hops to raise money for Spinal Bifida and Cancer. His guidance on fund raisers for the chapter and his contacts within the community have aided the Chapter to raise thousands to help the severely wounded. Now he will have more time to dedicated to his 59 Chevy and working on his dream car a 49 Mercury!

Jack, Now Chairman, SWAAC



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

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WASHINGTON D.C CHAPTER

Like everyone else, the DC Chapter was no different with numerous events cancelled this spring and summer due to the pandemic. The Washington Capitals NHL Hockey team were scheduled to honor MSG (Ret) Harry Miller at a home game vs the Toronto Maple Leafs but was cancelled due to Covid.

Everything was set for a wonderful VE-Day on Friday, May 8, with our 82D WWII paratroopers to be honored at the National WWII Memorial along with the Arsenal of Democracy Fly Over that was to occur with over 150 WWII aircraft. We even had it set up to get our WWII troopers a ride in one of the handful of C-47 Skytrain aircraft the day before the ceremony! But Covid cancelled that too! It is being discussed that a "WWII Victory Event" (75th VE & VJ combined) to be scheduled on Friday, September 25th so mark your calendars.

Covid turned to riots and low and behold the 82D arrived at Joint Base Andrews as members of the active duty were called by the Commander in Chief into action. The DC Chapter along with Honor Brewery (Honor hosted all the beer at the 73rd convention last August) sprang into action as we tried to get our troopers feed some Honor BBQ (and maybe some beer), But they were moving around too much for us to get to them and left 48 hours after arriving in the National Capitol Region.

Unfortunately, we got another piece of bad news just last week as Arlington National Cemetery cancelled our annual National Airborne Day scheduled wreath laying at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier. Our chapter along with the Reuben Tucker Chapter had planned two place two 82d wreaths at the 82nd Marker and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Very disappointing news.

We have to end on a good note as we all need it! Last week on Thursday, July 9 we all were able to come together as we celebrated WWII Chapter member Col (Ret) Jim Riffe's 99th Birthday. Mrs. Ruth Hill a member of Jim's community reached out to the chapter, and we jumped that the opportunity to gather for Jim's 99th. DC Chapter Members Steven Daugherty, Michael Garceau and Brad Bryant helped organize over 70 vehicles to include Prince William Police, Fire and EMS; 3 World War Two Jeeps complete with a 75 MM pack howitzer and 50. Cal Machine Gun; And the Honor Brewery van and Mission BBQ 5-ton truck! Several news crews and media were there to capture the birthday surprise.

Check out the birthday interview by a surprised Col Riffe:

[A retired World War II veteran received a special birthday surprise. Retired Colonel Jim Riffe celebrated turning 99-years-old with a parade in Prince William County.](#)

M Lonetto WDC Chairman



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The front and back of shirts for the August 2nd event.

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Fellow Members,

Last night the Board of Directors made one of the toughest decisions since I have been Executive Director and voted to cancel the 2020 Convention. It was not a decision that was made easily or lightly. We looked at many aspects for and against, but as was the case with the All American Week cancellation, it came down to what is best for the health and well-being of the Members of the Association.

Also of concern was the projected low attendance of the convention, as shown by the low number of registration and our concern that it may cause a large financial loss to the host Chapter if there was a small attendance number. By looking at the registration numbers currently being extremely low, as compared to past Conventions, we saw attendance as being very low. We believe this to be because of concerns for traveling, meeting in large numbers in small areas, and possibly financial hardships caused by the losses of jobs or slowing of businesses caused by the pandemic.

Anyone who has registered, and there have only been 25 registrations, probably due to the ongoing pandemic, will be contacted in the next few days concerning your refund. The Houston, TX Chapter will still be the host for the 2021 Convention, and all functions that were to be held this year will be moved to 2021. We do understand that many of our Members are as saddened by this cancellation as we are, but I am sure that you can understand our concerns and reasoning for the cancellation.

We will keep you informed of any additional changes within the Association and look forward to when we can again resume normal operation. Thank you for all you do for the Association and we ask that you please stay safe, follow all posted requirements of your local authorities, and stay healthy.

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Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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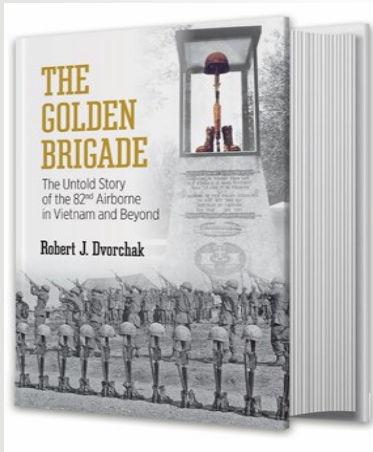
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Information for Operation Just Cause 31st Anniversary Rendezvous

1. Space is limited, so register with payment as early as you can.
2. No refunds after 4 April 2021 due to food orders and room blocking.
3. Hotel: rooms and location of the rendezvous will be at the Ramada Inn, 1707-A Owen Drive Fayetteville, NC. 28304. Room cost is \$79, excluding tax, if reserved by the 28 March 2021 cutoff date. You can book a room by contacting the hotel at 910-323-0111 or online at [JC2021](#). Ensure you use the code **OPERAT** listed under the 504 PIR Association if booking by phone.
4. 16 April, 4:30PM: Meet, tell stories, and socialize followed by a buffet dinner of Carolina Backyard BBQ.
5. 17 April, 9:00 AM – 3:00PM: there will be a tour of the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and the Airborne and Special Operations Museum (you must provide your own transportation)
6. 17 April, 5:00 PM: KIA Memorial Ceremony followed by Dinner.
7. There will be guest speakers at both nightly events. Dress is casual both nights.
8. Additional information on agenda, local attractions, hotel amenities, dinner menus, and transportation will follow.
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82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund
PO Box 87482, Fayetteville
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For more information, contact your Chapter Chairman or Secretary.

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Please return completed application and payment to:

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Fayetteville, NC 28304



All applications must include verification of eligibility paperwork. Must show honorable discharge, airborne qualification or proof of assignment or attachment to the 82nd Airborne Division. Please see information sheet for acceptable documentation.

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Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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(Effective 1 September 2018)



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1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
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 From (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ To (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Unit _____ Rank _____ SSN _____ (last 4 only)

Current Occupation _____ Telephone _____

Single Spouse's First Name _____
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 Male
 Female

Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn. Annual Dues: _____ Lifetime Dues: _____
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Make check/money order payable to the **1st BCT/504th PIR Association, Inc.** and mail to:
Ronald H. Rath, Treasurer
22 Club Hill Drive
Garner, NC 27529
 If you are also joining the 82nd Association, please send a separate check/money order for that membership payable to the **82nd Airborne Division Association.**

**** You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application. ****

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

following Officers: Association Secretary - secretary@504thpirassociation.org

Association Treasurer - treasurer@504thpirassociation.org

Please visit our new website at www.504thpirassociation.org if you prefer to complete your application online.

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne division Association Wounded Warrior Fund. These donations are greatly appreciated and are used to support our Wounded Warriors and their needs.

CONTRIBUTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Jeffrey Vanderark	Donation	\$260.00
Pat Donahue	Donation	\$330.00
Network for Good	Donation	\$775.00
Frontstream	Donation	\$43.46
Frontstream	Donation	\$38.28
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Anonymous	Donation	\$65.19
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Jeremy Ausburn	Donation	\$130.00
Rici Rhone	Donation	\$112.81
Eric Blakely	Donation	\$5.86
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Johathan Helms	Donation	\$32.00
Anonymous	Donation	\$43.40
Anonymous (Frontstream Donations)	Donation	\$43.46

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CONTRIBUTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Jeffrey Long		\$ 10.00
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Clarence and Lynn Gabriel; Marty Anderson; Ed Darling; Gina, Hayden, and Tanner Blair; Tim, Melissa, Kaylynn, and TJ Melton; Erik, Kim, Lily, Dutch, and Mayzie Humphrey	In honor of our father/grandfather/great-grandfather Private Robert Guy Anderson (325th Regiment Company L - Gliders).	\$ 120.00
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Brent Jaster		\$ 20.00

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Note: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee would like to sincerely Thank You for your continued support for our Troopers through your donations, prayers, notes, etc. If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members:

Bill Eberle, President (airborneben@hargray.com); Sue Federinko, Vice President (sfederinko82@gmail.com); Gary Rezabek, Secretary (garyrezabek@yahoo.com) and Larry Slavicek, Treasurer (Ljslavicek@comcast.net).

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee will consider requests of the Divisions Wounded Warrior/ Purple Heart recipients for their own personal events. These might include fishing trips, mountain climbing, wounded warrior events, bike races and other events they might want to be sponsored for. They may request this through Gary Rezabek, or Bill Eberle as listed above.

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

PP Bill Eberle, Chairman 82 Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior Committee at airborneben@hargray.com

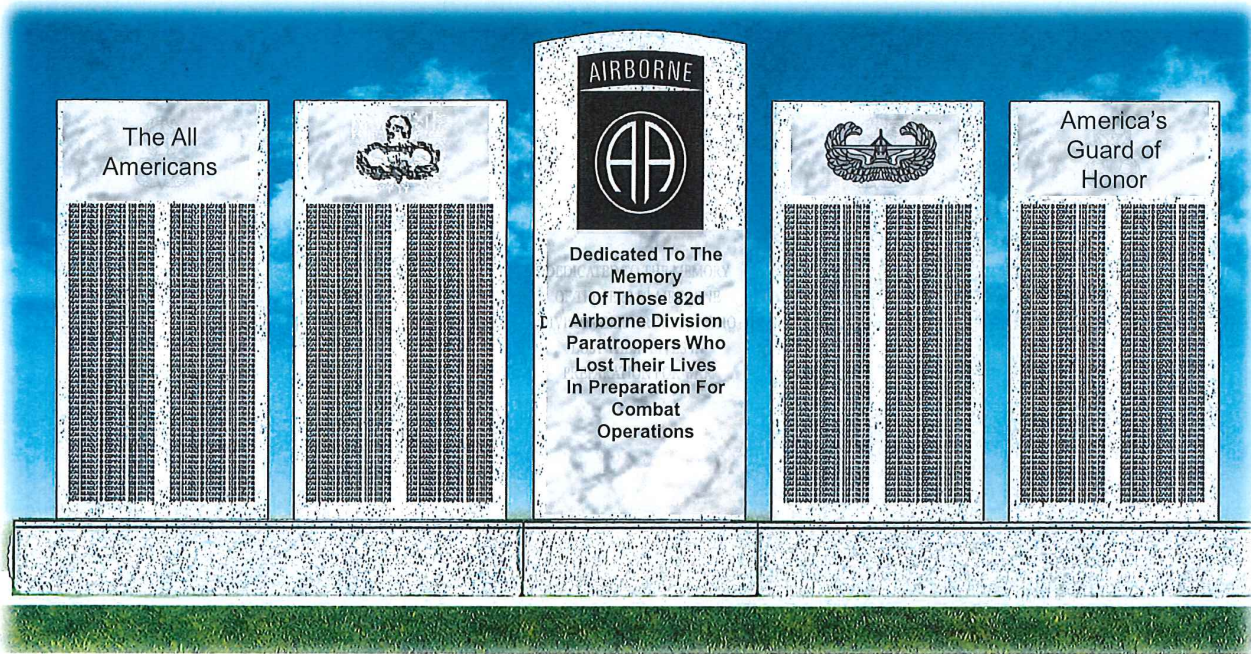
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82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
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“Dedicated To The Memory Of Those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers Who Lost Their Lives In Preparation For Combat Operations”



The 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association was formed to aid the 82d Airborne Division in raising and managing funds acquired from private donations to help memorialize significant events and the Soldiers of the Division through material markers in the 82d Airborne Division area.

The Association is fundraising with the goal of adding a new granite memorial at the 82d Airborne Division Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The concept design for the memorial is seen in the image above.

**All donations to the project are tax deductible.
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Use the form below and mail your donation to:

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Name _____ Phone _____

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Signature _____ Date _____ Donation Amount _____



TAPS



The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

ACCRISTO

Antoine Accristo, an All American member of the Montana All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 27 September 2019. He served with the French Resistance during World War II. He joined the US Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his spouse, Pat and six children.

BRADLEY

Allen Bradley, a Charter All American member of the Montana All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 13 September 2019. He served with HHC/505 PIR from July 1942 to December 1945. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by two daughters and one son.

BROLL

Lee Broll, an All American member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 28 March 2018. He served with C/1-327 PIR and D/2-506 PIR, 101st Airborne Division, and B\2-508 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division. He is survived by his

spouse, Josephine, and two daughters.

CASCIO

Anthony Cascio, a member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 14 December 2018. He served with 187 Airborne Regimental Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division from 1950 to 1953. He is survived by his spouse, Joan, and three children.

CROWLEY, SR.

Edward Crowley, Sr., a Charter All American member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 7 May 2018. He served with c?456 PFA, 82nd Airborne Division from 1942 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

DAVIS

Wales Davis, a member of the Montana All Airborne, passed away on 14 April 2020. He served with Co., D, 1 ABG 505 IN(A), 82nd Airborne Division from March 1958 to February 1961; Co.

E, 1 ABG IN(A) and Co. B, 2-508 IN(A), 82nd Airborne Division from January 1963 to December 1967; and Co. C, 1 ABG 502 IN(A), 101st Airborne Division from February to October 1961. He was a veteran of the Dominican Republic and the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Marie, one son and one daughter.

GAYTAN

Rodolfo (Rudy) Gaytan, an All American member of the Benavidez – Patterson All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 30 May 2020. He served with 508 Abn Reg Combat Team in 1951. He is survived by is spouse, Esther, and three sons.

JAMES

Charlie James, an All American member of the Montana All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 3 September 2017. He served with 101st Airborne Division and 5 SFG-a from June 1963 to June 1969. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Katie and one son.

GROGAN, SR.

David Grogan, Sr., an All-American member of the Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 16 March 2020. He served with 82nd Signal BN, 82nd Airborne Division in 1956. He is survived by two children.

HALASZ

Frank Halasz, an All American member of the Gateway Chapter, passed away on 16 September 2019. He served with 503 ABG, 82nd Airborne Division from October 1958 to February 1959. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia, and three daughters.

JOHNSON

Cecil Johnson, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 24 October 2015. He served with 325 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from April 1946 to December 1958. He was a veteran of World War II and the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by four daughters and one son.

LEBLANC

Lawrence A. Leblanc, a member of the Connecticut

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Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 19 September 2014. He served with 509 PIR. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Lydia, three daughters and one son.

LEONARD

Stephen Leonard, an All American member of the Daniel S. Campbell All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 25 June 2020. He served with 508th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from July 1964 to March 1967. He is survived by his spouse, Judy, two sons and one daughter.

MIRMAN

Donald Mirman, a member of the Akron Chapter, passed away on 3 October 2011. He served with G/325 GIR, 82nd Airborne Division from March 1942 to October 1945. He was a veteran on World War II. He is survived by two sons.

MORAKON

Pete Morakon, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away on 3 June 2020. He served with 187th PIR (Rakasans), 504th PIR, 501st Inf Battle Group, and 5th, 6th and 7th SFG from 1951 to 1984. He

was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Jerrie Ann and two daughters.

MORAVEK

Albert Moravek, a member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 31 March 2011. He served with D/2-503rd PIR, 173rd Abn BDE from December 1958 to October 1964. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by one daughter.

O'GORMAN

Sean O'Gorman, an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away on 2 June 2018. He served with 104 LRSD-PANG in 1993. He is survived by two children.

SAXTON

Robert (Bob) Saxton, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away on 13 April 2020. He served with 319 AFAR, 82nd Airborne Division and 11th Airborne Division. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Peggy, two daughters and one son.

SCHLOSSBERG

Herbert Schlossberg, a member of the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter, passed away 1 June 2019. He served with F/505 PIR and HQ/2-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from February 1955 to September 1956. He is survived by his spouse, Terry and two sons and one daughter.

SHAWN

Robert Shawn, an All American member of the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter, passed away on 24 May 2020. He served with 9th Airforce TAC 36 from October 1944 to December 1945; HQ, 82nd Airborne Division from May 1950 to January 1952; and HQ, XVIII ABN CORPS from January 1951 to June 1951. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse, Julia, one son and two daughters.

SHOTTS, JR.

Alex Shotts, Jr., a member of the Mississippi All Airborne Chapter, passed away 19 August 2018. He served with A/319 AFAR, 82nd Airborne Division, from February 1952 to June 1952. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

STEFANCIN

Robert Stefancin, an All American member of the PVT John Towle MOH – Cleveland Chapter, passed away on 13 March 2020. He served with c/307th ENG BN, 82nd Airborne Division from June 1952 to December 1953. He is survived by his spouse, Grace, two daughters and four sons.





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TOMCZUK

Richard Tomczuk, an All American member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away on 26 June 2019. He served with 501, 509 and 503 PIR, 101st Airborne Division from 1968. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by three children.

VALAIR

Tim Valair, an All American member of the Acadiana Chapter, passed away on 26 June 2020. He served with 612th QM from October 1964 to October 1966 and C Co., 307th ENG BN, 82nd Airborne Division from January 1968 to December 1977. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Theresa, five daughters and

two sons.

WALDEN

Jerry Walden, an All American member of the Connecticut Yankee All Airborne Chapter, passed away 25 November 2009. He served with 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. He is survived by five children.

YOUNG, JR.

Velvin Young, Jr., a member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, passed away on 4 February 2020. He served with B/SPT BN, 173rd ABN BDE and Special Forces from 1959 to 1971. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and the Dominican Republic. He is survived by his spouse, Josephine, one son and three daughters.



*Old Troopers never die,
they just slip away*

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CHAPTER ISSUES: Some Chapters continue to struggle and have leadership issues, for a lot of reasons; illness, aging, family problems, etc. If no-one from the Chapter membership steps up, then it is inevitable that the Chapter may have to close. Another possibility is that Chapters may want to consider merging. In ALL cases, Chapter Officers must notify their membership, and then eventually enter the outcome in the Chapter meeting minutes. Next, the Chairman must notify National by mailing a signed letter of their intent. If the Chapter is closing, all Chapter monies and possessions must be provided the National office via Registered or Certified mail in accordance with the Association By-Laws. Exec. Director, Bill Bauer, ATW!

WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Airborne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker

1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Airborne tab.

1980 - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

1992 - During Desert Storm, coordinated corporate and personal contributions amounting to \$4 million in goods and services and \$17,000 cash to help family members of deployed soldiers.

1994 - Following the accident at Pope, the Association provided \$5,000 for emergency use, Chapters in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia provided much needed support for hospitalized soldiers and their families.

2005-2009 - Provided donations for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Monument.

Beginning 2002 through 2012 - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington D.C.) and Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD and Brooke Medical Center (San Antonio, TX). Contributed funds for the new Division Chapel Stained Glass Window.

2009 - Hosted 42 Wounded Warrior and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 63rd Annual Convention.

2010 - Hosted 47 Wounded Warriors and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 64th Annual Convention.

2011 - Hosted 32 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations at the 65th National Convention.

2012 - Hosted 16 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

2013 - Hosted 7 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 67th National Convention.

2014 - Hosted 2 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 68th National Convention.

2015 - Donation to 82nd Museum \$1,000; Education Fund \$1,000. Sponsored Wounded Warriors at 2015 All American Week and Convention through Wounded Warrior Fund. Provided grants to 93 applicants through Education Fund.

2016 - Donation to All American members killed in training Memorial \$1,000. Donation of food to the Division Food Locker.

2016-2019 Holiday Troop Support - We provided 1,000 meals to the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

National Airborne Heritage Day - Through the efforts of Association members across the country for the past eleven years, the U.S. Senate, as well as many states and municipalities, have recognized August 16th as National Airborne Day, now named Airborne Heritage Day.

2018 - Inaugural All American Adventure – The Association had the honor of partnering with The Center for Discovery, in hosting 20 Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division for the first ever ‘All American Adventure’, in Hurleyville, NY. This project was made possible only by the generous gift of the Vera and Walter J. Scherr Foundation. The ‘All American Adventure’ project helps find ways to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The inaugural event, inspired by The Center’s world-renowned model for health and wellness, was developed specifically for our Troopers to help support and honor our men and women of the Division, who have recently returned home after nine month deployments in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

2018 Hurricane Florence Relief – We provided 250 Commissary gift cards to young Troopers and their families who lost their perishable goods during the power outages caused by Hurricane Florence.

2018 Holiday Concert – We provided hundreds of bags of candy for Santa to distribute to children during the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert.

2019 All American Adventure - The Association again partnered with the Center for Discovery and hosted a group of service men and women for a resiliency weekend in the Catskill Mountains in NY.

WWII Veteran Return to Normandy - The Association had the Honor of sponsoring a return trip for some of our WWII Veterans to Normandy, France for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

2018-2019 All American Adventure Project bringing Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to Catskill Mountains for a 4 day retreat of boating, fishing, hiking, biking, good food, campfires and concerts. Project is designed as a resiliency getaway for Troopers to relax and reenergize. Project will be done annually.

2019 - Sponsored trip for 4 82nd Airborne Division WWII Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

2019 - Sponsored the attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World WWII Veterans at the 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC.

BENEFITS

Beyond the obvious benefits of lifetime friendships and membership in a Brotherhood that has no equal, the following are provided to members:

- **Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of Military news.**
- **Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.**
- **Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.**
- **Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.**
- **Choose one of over 80 local Chapters throughout the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.**
- **Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.**
- **Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.**
- **Maintain that bond with the Military community.**

With your support, the Association can continue is to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.

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PARAGLIDE GUIDE

The Paraglide is your magazine. To make it professional and easy to read as possible, the following guidelines and pointers are offered.

CHAPTER NEWS

Space - Under the current structure of the Paraglide, each chapter is allocated a half page and we will use all submissions. When chapters submit more than that amount, it becomes necessary for the Executive Director to edit. You can calculate the one half page space using the following method. Set margins so that you have a 60-character line. Approximately 50 lines will equal one half page. Subtract approximately 12 to 15 lines for each photo.

Issue Dates - The Paraglide is published on the 30th of January, April, July and October. When you submit, write as if all events up to the publication date have taken place even if they haven't or hold it until the next issue.

STYLE

Ranks: It is policy of the Association to only use rank when the individual is active duty SGT, a general officer MG, or when the individual retired CSM (R) or former rank is significant to the story. **Dates and Times:** All dates and times are written civilian style. Do not include day with date; example: 4 p.m., July 15, 2009.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO THE PARAGLIDE

Please send the items below to the Executive Director, not the Paraglide Editor. This is necessary in order to maintain accurate Association Records.

The Executive Director forwards appropriate information to the Editor.

- Change of Address
- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

NEWS ARTICLES

News stories are generally based on an event and are reported written in the inverted pyramid style. This means the most important facts should go into the first paragraph, with the other details following in descending order of importance.

FEATURES

Feature stories are the soul of any publication. They're the heartwarming personality profiles, the tragic but heroic war stories, the photo features that make you believe you're there and the indomitable histories of people and events that have shaped the 82nd and the Association.

PHOTOS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is a dynamic group and the Paraglide should reflect that energy. When possible, submit action photos as opposed to posed or static shots. A good rule of thumb is to select photos in which the subjects' heads are dime-size or larger. Neither Xerox copies nor newspaper clippings can be reproduced for publication.

Caption: Identify everyone in the photo whose face is clearly shown. From left to right, include their first and last names.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be typed in upper and lower case letters. Please do not type in all capital letters. The name of your chapter should appear at the top of the page. When mailing, you may send registered or return receipt requested.

DEADLINES

The Paraglide deadlines are firm and should reflect upcoming events and those which took place the previous quarter.

The deadlines are as follows:

Issue / Deadline / Publish Date

Winter / December 30 / January 30

Spring / March 30 / April 30

Summer / June 30 / July 30

Fall / September 30 / October 30

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