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SUN CITY

"ALL AIRBORNE"

FIESTA VIII

El Paso, Texas

RESCHEDULED

NEW DATES:

June 30 - July 4, 2021

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AIRBORNE EVENTS

31st Anniversary
OP: "Just Cause"

16 & 17 April 2021
Fayetteville, N.C.

INFO:
opjustcause2020@gmail.com

2021

ALL AMERICAN
WEEK

Fort Bragg,
North Carolina

DETAILS T. B. A.

Assn. Website

74th Annual

National Convention

RESCHEDULED

2021

Houston, Texas

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Assn. Website

BELL "HUEY" BAR



CLOSED

UNTIL

FURTHER NOTICE!

ATM AVAILABLE!

PRICE LIST

Water/Sodas/Snacks- \$1

Wine/Wine Coolers/
Domestic Beer - \$2

Premium Beer - \$2.50

Mixed Drinks/Tequila/
Jagermeister
\$3.25

The Chapter Bar is a
Private, Licensed Facility

GUESTS MUST SIGN IN!



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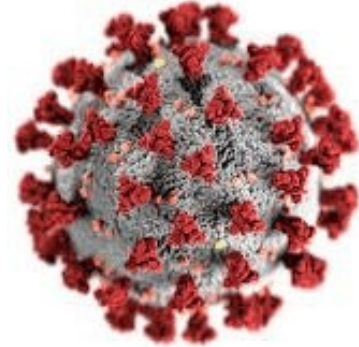
HAPPY NEW YEAR

RAMPANT CONCERN FOR VACCINE

Area veterans remain concerned over exactly when the Veterans Administration will vaccinate them against the COVID-19 Virus. Although the VA has published a News Release stating that both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines are now available, administration has not yet started for the majority of prior service personnel. As for the VA Health Care System of El Paso, Texas, the local facility is one of those listed as having the vaccine available within the state. The advisory states administration is scheduled to commence next week (01/04/2021). To review **COPY and PASTE** this **LINK** into your **BROWSER**:

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAnTage/82728/va-begin-covid-19-vaccinations-128-additional-sites/> The advisory also contains a **LINK** to sign up and receive all future updates. Veterans residing

in the El Paso area have an **ADDITIONAL OPTION** available. Individuals age 65 + and those age 16 + with at least one underlying health condition may visit the below listed site to register to receive the vaccine distributed by the City of El Paso: <http://epstrong.org/vaccine.php> The right hand column contains a section titled: **I WANT TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE!** Most qualifying individuals should refer to the instructions for **Phase 1, Group B** (age 65 + or age 16 + with at least one underlying condition). Once registered, individuals will receive instructions on receipt of the vaccine.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

This issue of the newsletter provides credit to those having contributed to the Building Maintenance Fund (BMF) but **ONLY** those made for the year 2021. Acceptable payment options are cash, check, money order or direct deposit payable to: **Benavidez-Patterson Chapter**. Mailed donations should be addressed to:

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2608 Fort Blvd.
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DECISION SOON TO COME

A decision is forthcoming on the fate of our airborne convention originally scheduled for 2020. The current health crises has thrown a wrench into our plans of hosting Sun City "All Airborne" Fiesta VIII as the financial aspects to support the event will now be virtually impossible. With businesses closed and/or struggling to survive, we cannot expect to receive the support we generally depend upon. An update will be provided as soon a recommendation is made by the committee chairman and a definite decision is made.



Chairman's Corner

John Ceballos, M.S.
Chapter Chairman



Fellow Members and Associates,
I would like to commence by wishing all members, associates and friends of the Airborne, a Healthy, Happy, Safe and Most Prosperous New Year. Here's hoping that the new year will allow us to gather once again and return to the Brotherhood we all cherish.

I have received numerous calls and Emails from Vets who remain concerned about exactly when they will receive the vaccines against the Coronavirus. Most because they fall within those special categories regarding their age or health related illnesses. The most recent advisory I have received informs us that both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are now available in El Paso. However, it is yet to be administered and that is of most concern. And, although the El Paso VA Health Clinic is among the Texas facilities listed as possessing the vaccines, no area Veterans have yet received the benefit of having received that long awaited injection. The advisory does go on to explain that the vaccination process should begin... in the coming week. I am hoping that this refers to the week commencing January 4, 2021. In the meantime, if you have not yet done so, please get your Flu vaccination. Then, once you are notified that either the Moderna or Pfizer Vaccine is available to you, do not hesitate and take the injection as soon as it is made available. Afterwards, please continue to follow all suggested health related safety precautions as it is not yet time to let our guard down. CONGRATULATIONS to the 2021 Edition of the Chapter E-Board. This year should afford you the opportunity to serve your chapter as you had originally intended!
AIRBORNE - ALL THE WAY!

JOHN CEBALLOS, M.S.
Chapter Chairman

JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

NOTE: Members are urged to remain flexible as a variety of events may still either be cancelled or rescheduled!

Fr 01 New Year's Day - Happy New Year!
Fr 01 VA Coffee Call - CANCELLED
Sa 02 Purple Heart Mtg. - CANCELLED
Su 17 OP: Desert Storm Air War Starts '91
Mo 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sa 23 Peace in Vietnam Announced '73
Sa 23 Monthly Meetings - CANCELLED
 11 a E-Board Meeting - CANCELLED
 12 p Buffet Lunch - CANCELLED
 1 p General Mtg. - CANCELLED
Mo 25 "Battle of the Bulge" Ends '45
Sa 30 Viet Cong launch Tet Offensive '68

MEMBERSHIP

Each individual member is responsible for his/her membership status and should assure that annual memberships do not expire. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, please contact Membership Chairman, Eusebio Bretado, to make sure that you keep your membership current. He may be called by (915) 218-8573 or via Email at: eusebio.bretado@gmail.com.

The current membership roster should be made available just after the national office opens on January 4. Delinquent members will not be afforded the benefits of chapter membership and will no longer be recognized as participating individuals.

Also, any individual who is not an active member of the organization should not have access to the chapter facility and should not have keys to the facility in their possession. New locks will now be featured to all facility entrances and auxiliaries and will now only be in the possession of a few designated officers.

Membership ranks have dropped considerably and membership chair Bretado, will soon address this concern with a dedicated membership drive.

Please check the status of your membership and do not allow it to become delinquent as you are the lifeline of our organization.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual Membership & Renewals: \$35

"All American" (Life) Membership: \$350



BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY/WELFARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us recognize the birthday and anniversary celebrations of ALL members, associates, and family members. Also, medical issues and/or deaths, to include funeral home information, date and time of viewing, religious facility and involved cemetery. Provide information to chapter P.I.O., John Ceballos via Email: JohCeb@msn.com or cell: (915) 240-8104.



IN JANUARY

Cecilia Bailey; Jesus Bravo, Missy Hernandez, Rocio Hidalgo; David Jordan, Tony Lara, Elvira Zavala-Patton, Carlos E. Sarabia; Amy Silva, Huber F. Perea, and Madison Walker.



Leo "Polo" Enriquez; Richard Doyle; Tom Melgares; Aristeo "Art" Blanco; Mario Collazo; Fernie Holguin; Burton "Burt" Graves; Pete Camacho; Jose Sanchez; Jesus "Chino" Torres; Rocco "Rocky" Munoz; MSG (Ret.) Jarry Little; 1SG (Ret.) Luis Lopez; Carlos L. "Charlie" Nuñez; Emilia Lucero; Armando and Mrs. Norma Rosales; Angie Hernandez; and Peter G. Ursol.

LIBRARY ISSUE UPDATE

The publication "HISTORY OF THE 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY", donated and autographed by LTC (Ret.) Robert E. Chisolm remains MISSING. Originally signed out by an individual named RAUL BORGAS, we need to request that our issue be returned. As for our missing copy of the "MEDAL OF HONOR" publication, the book has been replaced. Chapter associate Chris Harris recently found an unsealed copy of an older version of the book in his deceased mother's belongings and it has been donated for our collection. Harris also went to the personal expense of purchasing the current edition of the book which is now also part of our historic collection. KUDOS Chris, your efforts are truly commendable!

FAMILY CONDOLENCES



Although it appears that we have lost no additional members or associates in the past month, condolences are owed to a couple of our family members. Jesus "Chuy" Bravo recently lost his Brother-in law, Eduardo "Lala" Cuellar. And, Benjamin "Benjie" Nuñez lost his sister, Irene Nuñez Martinez. Please keep our family members in your thoughts and Prayers and let us hope that the New Year of 2021 will bring no new losses to our families and friends.



EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Family members found eligible to receive educational stipends from the "Padovano Family Scholarship Fund" for the year 2020 are:

RYAN MICHAEL GARCIA

Ryan is the grandson of Medal of Honor recipient, Roy P. Benavidez, namesake of our chapter.

MELANIE MARIE PEÑA
(2nd and Final Stipend)
and

VICTORIA DANIELLE PEÑA

Melanie & Victoria are the granddaughters of Carlos L. "Charlie" Nuñez.

SOPHIA CATALINA TREVIZO
(2nd and Final Stipend)

Sophia is the granddaughter of Ricardo N. "Rick" Trevizo.

CAMERON BRYAN FORD

Cameron is the grandson of "Ranger" Nathaniel Ford, Jr.

Two additional application were received but the involved scholars have already received their two allotted stipends!

Due to number of applications received and the limited educational funds now available, this year's scholarships will be in the amount of \$500.00 each.



ALUMNI PUBLICATION

Although the association continues to push for members to submit their personal information for publication in the upcoming 2021 Alumni book, serious issues remain with exactly how the publishing company (PCI), is going about collecting the information. A new Email message has been circulating with an innovative measure on how to submit member information for publication. The message presents all of the required questions which a member can simply enter responses to forward their individualized information. However, as creative as this new measure may be, the bottom line is that it STILL comes with a requirement for a payment plan and purchase of the book. Once an individual's information has been entered there are a variety of options from which to choose prior to the information being accepted by the publishers. However, each of the listed options is a separate METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR PURCHASE! This is contrary to what the association President and officials at national are claiming. National is urging members to provide information for the publication to have as many members listed as possible. This is commendable however, they inform us that NO purchase SHOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE PUBLISHER'S to have an individual's information submitted. Personally, I DO NOT wish to purchase the book. But to test this new option, I went through the process of entering my personal information to test the validity of this new, so called, innovative process. The requested information includes units, dates of service, awards and decoration, an entry for submitting a personal photograph, etc. But before actually being able to submit my information, I was OFFERED a variety of payment methods that I was NOT interested in. Although I wished to have my information included I was never able to submit it because I DID NOT COMPLETED one of the payment options. A couple of the options even with offer the incentive of receiving a nice 82nd Airborne carrying bag. And, although I would like to have my information listed in the publication, the last thing I need is another book to collect

dust and create more clutter for me. This new option of simply entering responses to an online questionnaire is an attractive and simplified process but again, is going against what officials at national are claiming. Each member should be allowed to submit his/her personal information for inclusion WITHOUT AN OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE THE BOOK! The association suggests that any member experiencing an UNSOLICITED OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE THE BOOK should contact national for a remedy to the problem and I have done just that. An Email (containing the questionable communication) has been forwarded to the National President, the Executive Secretary and Executive Director. If you are interested in purchasing the book, feel free to do so. However, if you wish to submit your information WITHOUT having to purchase the publication, you mya run into similar issues. If so, feel free to contact any one of the below listed:

Association President, Gary Rezabek at:

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Executive Secretary, Laura Bauer at:

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Executive Director, Bill Bauer at:

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I feel confident that once published, the Alumni Publication will be an EXCELLENT edition, containing valuable member information which will serve as a treasured keepsake.

However, as vital as it is for each and every member should to have the opportunity to have their personal information included in this directory, they should not be FORCED to purchase the publication if they do not desire to do so!

WE REMEMBER

LTC (Ret.) Robert Eugene "Col. Bob" Chisolm who celebrates the 76th anniversary of his involvement in the 1944 German Offensive: the "Battle of the Bulge". This came after prior involvement in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, France and of Holland during Operation: "Market Garden". He endured additional combat service in both Korea and Vietnam. KUDOS "Col. Bob", our nation is forever grateful for your dedicated service!