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Wine/Wine Coolers/
Domestic Beer - \$2

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Mixed Drinks/Tequila/
Jagermeister
\$3.25

The Chapter Bar is a
Private, Licensed Facility

GUESTS MUST SIGN IN!

SUN CITY

"ALL AIRBORNE"

FIESTA VIII

El Paso, Texas

POSTPONED

NEW DATES:

June 30 - July 4, 2021

POC: John Ceballos
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Fiesta VIII Postponed - TAB

AIRBORNE
EVENTS

2020
ALL AMERICAN
WEEK

Fort Bragg,
North Carolina

CANCELLED

74th Annual
National
Convention

August 6 - 9, 2020
Houston, Texas

CANCELLED

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"2019 CHAPTER OF HONOR"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR "CHINA BOY"

Chapter member Joe (a.k.a. "China Boy") Lopez recently received personal recognition from the United States Secretary of the Army for his outstanding contributions to regimental continuity, tradition and esprit de corps. In conjunction, Lopez was recognized as a distinguished member of the Special Forces Regiment.

The award, originally scheduled for presentation at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was sent to Joe's home of record due to the current health crises which has resulted from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accompanying the certificate of recognition is a medallion which hangs from a green ribbon that can be seen as it is displayed around Joe's neck.



A highly decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam era, Joe "China Boy" Lopez is most deserving of this recognition from the Secretary of the Army. CONGRATULATIONS "China Boy"!

DONATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE

Building Maintenance Fund (B. M. F.) Chairman, Joe "China Boy" Lopez, is requesting that members continue to provide monthly B. M. F. donations as expenses continue although the unit is not meeting on a regular basis. Treasurer, Rick Trevizo, informed that monthly expenses totaled nearly \$500 last month. He suggested possibly turning off refrigeration units and the ice machine to lower expenses. A review of operations will be made to assist in rectifying the issue.

NEXT GENERATION OF AIRBORNE

Please welcome the next generation of family Airborne service. To follow in the footsteps of her father and grandfather will be, Abigail Zarah Dominguez.

This beautiful future trooper is the daughter of CPT (Ret.) Pete & Alexa Dominguez. Welcome Abigail!





Chairman's Corner

John Ceballos, M.S.
Chapter Chairman



Fellow Members and Associates, The Chapter E-Board (ONLY), recently met in executive session to discuss pertinent issues which may cause reason for concern should the general membership NOT be able to meet in the coming months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All health related safety precautions were adhered to with the face mask policy and proper social distancing observed. No food was served however, board members were able to enjoy a cup of coffee and partake in the pastries provided by Tony Sarabia and Ed Madrid.

The first item of concern is the annual elections which are held in the month of November. The board discussed the situation which would arise if the general membership were NOT able to meet in November to participate in an election. The board would then suggest that all current officers maintain the current position they currently hold for the upcoming year. The next issue of concern which was discussed is the annual chapter awards. A motion was made and approved to forego the awards for 2020 with NO awards to be presented. Also discussed was the unit's annual Christmas celebration. It was the board's unanimously decision to also forego the 2020 celebration due to the current health crises.

Please take advantage of this year's Flu Vaccine to protect yourself, the members of your family, friends and everyone around you.

Please watch for updates on future meetings as information will be shared via Email as the situation warrants.

Friendly Skies and Soft Landings!

JOHN CEBALLOS, M.S.
Chapter Chairman

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

Fr 02 VA Coffee Call - **CANCELLED**
 Sa 03 Purple Heart Mtg. - **CANCELLED**
 We 07 Start - OP: "Enduring Freedom"
 Mo 12 Columbus Day
 Tu 13 US Navy Est. 1775
 Sa 24 Monthly Chapter Meetings - ?
 11 a E-Board Meeting - ?
 12 p FREE Buffet Lunch - ?
 1 p General Meeting - ?

CELEBRATION CANCELLED

The unit's annual Christmas celebration will not be held this year due to the current health crises. Although it had been anticipated that we might be able to sponsor the event at 6 pm, Saturday, December 19, the E-Board voted to cancel the celebration because of the ongoing pandemic.

ANNUAL AWARDS SUSPENDED

The E-Board has voted to suspend the annual chapter awards for 2020 due to the limited amount of time members have spent at the facility during the current health crises. Vital facility functions continue to be maintained by the responsible officers and/or support personnel. The Board did however, provide verbal recognition of members who have actively maintained the facility.

PARKING LOT ISSUE

The unit has received notice from the city Code Compliance Department stating that the current state of our parking lot is in violation of city code as it is **NOT PAVED**. A call to the Zoning Department found that even covering the lot with gravel or rock will not suffice for compliance. I was informed that we must either **PAVE** the lot or place **FENCING** to keep vehicles from parking on the lot. Assistance has been requested of CSM (Ret.) Paul Albright, Chief Military Officer, City of El Paso's Division of Veteran & Military Affairs; Alexandra Annello, City Rep. (Dist. 2); Dr. Sam Morgan, City Rep. (Dist. 4) for a possible waiver or grant, to assist with the cost to have the property paved. Updates on the situation will be provided via Email as information is received on the status of our requests.



BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us recognize the birthday and anniversary celebrations of ALL members, associates, and family members. Please provide information to the Editor: John Ceballos via E-mail: JohCeb@msn.com or call: (915) 240-8104.



IN
OCTOBER

Patricia "Pat" Rodriguez; Mireya Bretado; Sandra Hidalgo; Isela Davis; Henry Galaviz; Carlos "Charlie" Gonzalez; "Mikey" Lewis; Yolanda "Yolie" Madrid; Edna Partida; Carmen Quintana; Antonio Sarabia, Jr.; and Linda Szilvasy.

DEATH & ILLNESS REPORTS

Members and associates are requested to report any medical issues being experienced by airborne family members. Also, information on deaths, to include funeral home, date and time of viewing, religious facility and involved cemetery, should all be made available to chapter P.I.O., John Ceballos via Email: JohCeb@msn.com or cell: (915) 240-8104.



Jesus "Chuy" Bravo; Tom Melgares; Aristeo Blanco; "Super Mario" Collazo; Fernie Holguin; Burton "Burt" Graves; Pete Camacho; Jose Sanchez; Jesus "Chino" Torres; Rocco "Rocky" Munoz; MSG (Ret.) Jarry Little; Ricardo "Rica" Enriquez; 1SG (Ret.) Luis Lopez; Carlos L. "Charlie" Nuñez; Emilia Lucero; Armando and Mrs. Norma Rosales; Joe Moreno; Lulu & Angie Hernandez; and Peter G. Ursol.

SOUNDING TAPS



We continue to experience the pain and sorrow of losing an additional two members of our Airborne Family.

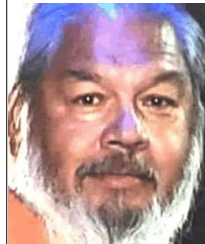
MSG (Ret.) Roy E. Aldridge made his final jump in the month of September leaving behind his beloved spouse, Cheryl. Roy was a Veteran of the Korean War during which time he was captured and held as a P.O.W. Roy is also credited with service during the Vietnam era.

ROY E.
ALDRIDGE

MSG (RETIRED)



Also, member and former Marine, Luis Baeza, expired in the month of September. Luis was a senior paramedic with El Paso EMS, and member of both the Mountain Rescue and Flight Medical Teams.



LUIS BAEZA

1ST BN., 7TH MARINES

Please keep our dearly departed members and their entire families, in your thoughts and Prayers!

MISSING PUBLICATIONS

Aside from the "MEDAL OF HONOR", an additional publication has been found to be missing from our unit's historic collection. "HISTORY OF THE 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY", donated and personally autographed by LTC (Ret.) Robert E. Chisolm has also, been found to be missing. The book was last signed out to an individual by the name of RAUL BORGAS. Should anyone be familiar with this individual please request that our issue be returned. We may soon be forced to institute the difficult decision of no longer allowing our books to be removed from the chapter library.



APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

The Educational Committee is accepting applications for educational stipends to be awarded from the "Padovano Family Educational Fund". Applicants must be the child or grandchild of an "All American" (LIFE) Member who is ACTIVE in chapter affairs. Applicants must also be high school graduates or scheduled to graduate high school in the year of 2020. All applications must be received No Later Than (NLT), 5 pm, Monday, November 30. The Educational Committee is anticipating five applicants for this year's financial aid. However, the chapter treasurer informed the E-Board if all five applicants are approved, finances in the educational fund will be literally cut in half. The educational committee will be apprised of the financial crises for necessary action. Members of the committee will also meet in the month of December to review the applications and determine the recipients. Applications and further information may be obtained from Educational Committee Chairman, John Ceballos, via Email: JohCeb@msn.com or personal cell: (915) 240-8104.

EXEMPTION REQUIREMENT

82nd Airborne Division Association bulletin # 696, dated September 2020 states: for a chapter to qualify for the 501(c)(3) tax exemption the following statements must be contained within the Chapter By-Laws: The 82nd Airborne Division Association organization (Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter) is structured primarily for charitable and educational purposes. Included is making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Also: Upon the dissolution of the local organization, any and all associated assets shall be forwarded to the parent organization (82d Airborne Division Association). Said assets shall be allocated to exempt projects/activities of the National Office. The 82d Airborne Division Association shall expend the assets for one

or more exempt purpose(s) within the scope of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

The first statement now appears as:

ARTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS.

Section 1 of the Chapter By-Laws.

The second statement appears as:

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER of the Chapter By-Laws

Objections to the changes should be addressed to Chairman, John Ceballos via personal Email: JohCeb@msn.com or via personal cell: (915) 240-8104.

Should NO valid objections be received within 30 days (deadline: 10/31/2020), the adjustment shall be considered as part of the local By-Laws and submitted to national as an application for the 501(c)(3) tax exemption.

CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS

The annual election of officers who will serve for the year of 2021 is currently anticipated to be held during the November General Membership Meeting (November 28). Any annual or "All American" member with an ACTIVE membership is eligible to be considered for a position on the Executive Board of Officers. Any officer currently serving on the Board is also eligible to apply for continued service in their current, or any other position, on the Board.

CURRENT OFFICERS

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 Lee B. Walker, 1st Vice-Chairman
 Eusebio Bretado, 2nd Vice-Chairman/Membership
 Edmundo Madrid, 3rd Vice-Chairman
 Nathaniel Ford, Jr., Secretary
 Ricardo N. Trevizo, Treasurer
 Shawn Ward, Sergeant-at-Arms
 Jesus Bravo, Quartermaster
 Robert E. Chisolm, Staff Judge Advocate
Trustees (6): Ronald Bailey, Joe Lopez, David Lucero, Marco Pastrana, Tony Sarabia & Phillip R. Sloniger

Anyone wishing to be considered for a position should notify Chairman Ceballos of their intentions so names can be provided to the chosen election officials.