

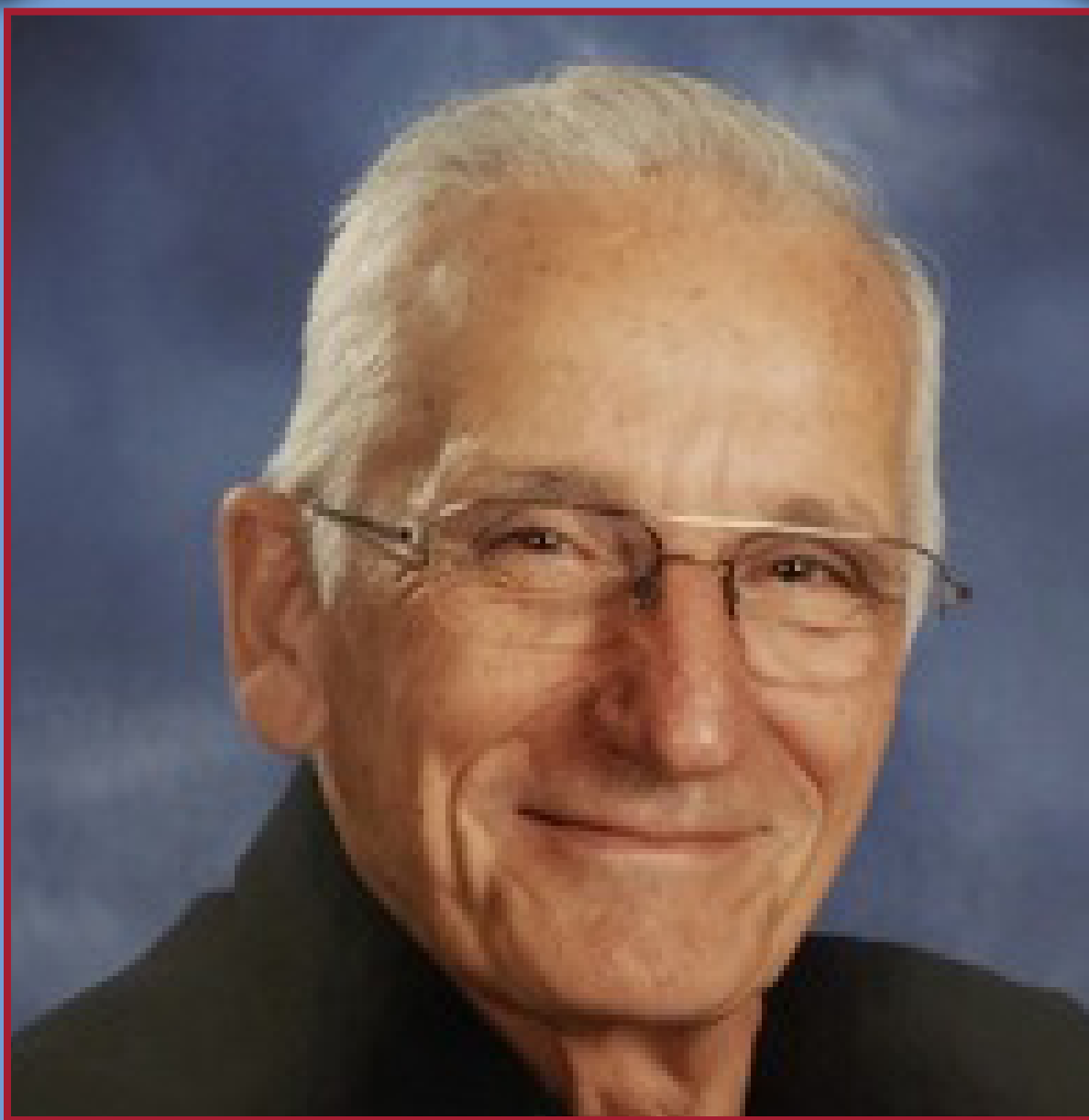
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all the members of our great Association,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for selecting me to serve as President for a second year. Sue and I were able to attend the Veteran's Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Special thanks to the D.C. Chapter and Mike Lonetto for hosting the event. We had a very good turn-out. Following the ceremonies, we had a great lunch at the Sequoia restaurant hosted by Mr. Walter Rauscher. Trooper of Year, Mike Lonetto was honored and presented with his award during the luncheon.

Our National Office team in Fayetteville gave away over a thousand holiday meals to our paratroopers. Your donations are what allow us to give back to our active duty. Special thank you to our Executive Director – Bill Bauer and all of the staff and volunteers who made this special event happen.

We have several great events on the horizon:

The Kentucky Airborne Reunion – 17th thru 19th February in Lexington, KY

All American Week – 23rd thru 26th May in Fort Bragg, NC

76th National Convention – 10th thru 13th August at the Rosen Centre Orlando, FL

These are all worthwhile events and I look forward to seeing everyone. On a sad note, Past President Ben Beekman passed away on the 19th of November. He was a two-term National President of the Association and a member of the Ridgeway Chapter. Our prayers go out to his family. He will be missed by us all.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future!

AIRBORNE!

Steven Copening, National President



STEVEN COPENING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Association Members,

I want to start my letter by addressing the loss of a great Association Member, Director, Past President, and one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of meeting. Mr. Ben Beekman passed away in November 2021. I will miss the talks with him and his great laugh and smile. We lost a wonderful man, but now he is back with Carolyn in Heaven. Rest in Peace, Sir.



BILL BAUER

We hope you had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. I know we are all hoping 2022 will be better than 2021, and that should not be hard. We are looking to have a full All American Week with all the events scheduled and we hope to see many of our Members back here at Fort Bragg to celebrate All American Week with us. We are also moving forward with our 2022 Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. For any of you that have been to one of our Conventions in Orlando, you are well aware of what a great hotel the Rosen Centre is and what a super job the hotel staff do at supporting our Convention. It would be a wonderful place to stay even without our event being there, but with our Convention and all of our fellow comrades being there, it cannot be beat.

As you may know, our 82nd Airborne has been placed on higher alert, which is where they normally are, for a possible deployment to Europe to support our NATO Allies in the event Russian troops enter Ukraine. As always, our 82nd Troopers will be prepared for whatever mission they are given. The world is a very dangerous place right now, and it is comforting to know that the 82nd Airborne Division is always prepared to bring pain on our enemies or to bolster the strength of our Allies.

Our National office continues to look for ways to support our Members and the Active Duty Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. With that, we have begun posting numerous Facebook posts of historical and current events of the 82nd that we believe are of interest and entertaining to our Members. Please go to our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation>, and like our page. We also had a successful "Holiday Troop Support" for 2021, with corporate support, and the awesome support of our local Chapters and Members. We want to thank all of you for ensuring our Association was once again able to provide 1,000 Holiday Meals to the Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division. We can tell you that the Families are so grateful and thankful for what the Association does every year to support them and are amazed at what we do to show them our appreciation for what they do to support for Nation.

I again want to thank our Chapters out there that are doing amazing work taking care of their local Veterans and communities, and spreading our Airborne spirit in their communities. Also, I want to thank them for the terrific backing they are providing to the missions of the National Headquarters as we strive to do more for our Active Duty Troopers and continue to honor the history and legacy of our beloved 82nd Airborne Division. We could not do what we do without you. Please let us know how we can better support you or provide us with more ideas of what we may be able to do for to improve our Association. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in this coming year, and hope that you all stay safe and healthy.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

Bill Bauer, Executive Director

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All American Week Page 51
Fayetteville, NC May 23-26, 2022
Bill Bauer

National Convention Page 53
Orlando, FL August 10-13, 2022
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT

Our 6th Annual Holiday Troop Support Project has successfully concluded! On Monday, November 22 and Thursday, December 16 with the very generous support of our corporate sponsors, members, Chapters and individual supporters, and with the assistance of the Division Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants, we achieved our mission and handed out 500 meals to our young Troopers and their Families for Thanksgiving and 500 meals for the Holiday season.

This is a hectic time of year preparing for these events. We start planning months out and begin picking up canned goods, cake mix and frosting or brownie mix, stuffing, gravy, dinner rolls, bread and donuts for both events, days, even weeks ahead of time and then the refrigerated items are picked up the day of the event. As already stated, it is hectic, but it is definitely well worth it! We, again, handed out a combined total of 1,000 meals! What a way to show our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our young Troopers and their Families! We could not have done it without all who supported our efforts! This year our National Elves, baked over 500 cookies to give out to all who came.

It was very gratifying to see the smiles on the Families as they come by to pick up the meals and spend a few moments chatting about what this means to them, especially this year, with all the added stress due to the pandemic. Many Families were not able to go home for the Holidays, so making this year a little special for them meant a lot.

To all our donors and sponsors Thank You!!!
You have our enduring gratitude and appreciation. We could not have done it without your support and donations.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their inspiring generosity and support: Perdue Farms, Walmart Stores #1261, #1097, #3456, #5787, #2929, #6958, #3600 and #6878, Aldi Inc, The Bragg 'n Barn Thrift Shop, Chicago Chapter, Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter, St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter, John Steele Chapter, Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, Texas Lone Star Chapter, 504 PIR Association, Richard Becker, Dan Theile, Peter Forthofer, Colin Gray, CC Mankiewicz and Harold Thomas.

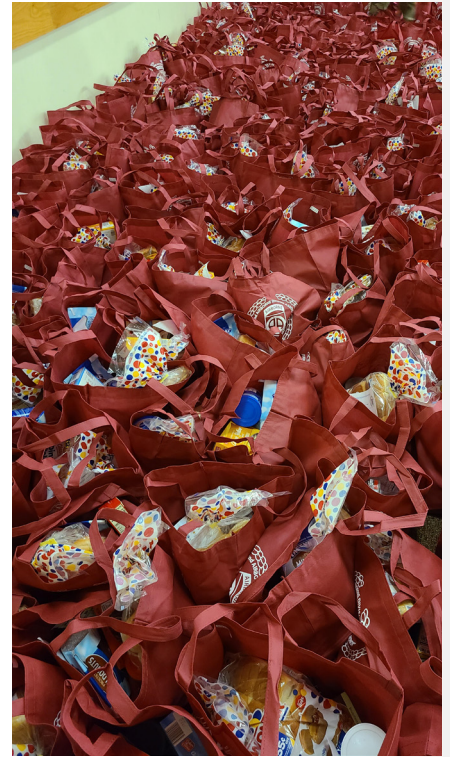
Just like all holiday get togethers, there are days, weeks and hours of preparation and, much too quickly, in just a few short hours, the holiday is over and everyone goes home, but the memories remain. We will see you again next year for our 7th event. Thank you!!



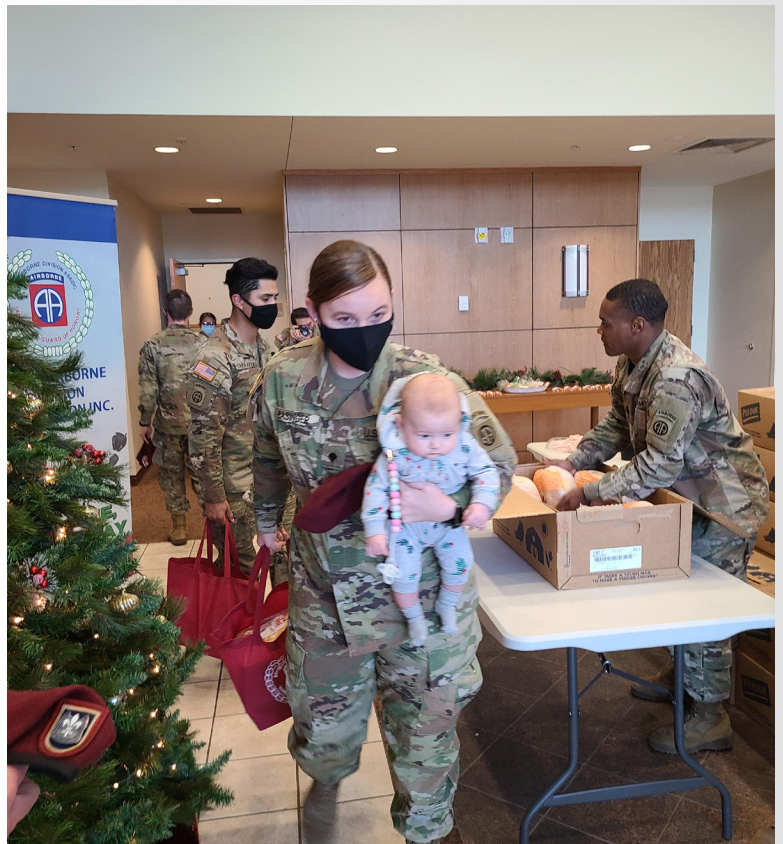
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Again, this year, many events were cancelled due to the COVID-19. However, as we have sworn to “Never Forget” the contributions of our Nation’s heroes, we could not allow anything to stop us from ensuring we continue to honor our Fallen. The Association, together with the Washington DC and COL Reuben H Tucker Chapters, sponsored our 2021 annual Veterans Day Activities. Association and family members gathered in Arlington, VA from November 9 – 11, to conduct numerous wreath laying ceremonies. We worked with, and followed the guidelines set by, Arlington National Ceremony, and included numerous Association guidelines to address safety during the pandemic. In addition to laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, wreaths were laid at the WW I, WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials on the National Mall. We also laid wreaths at the future sight of the Desert Storm War Memorial and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial.

Also, during our time in Washington, Association Member Walter Rauscher hosted the Association for two luncheons at the Sequoia Restaurant. As usual, the food was fabulous and the comradery was even better. Thank you, Walter, for your continued support of the Association.

Our 2021 All American of the Year, Michael Lonetto, was only able to attend the National Convention via audio link, and since he was unable to attend the Convention in person, Mike was presented the 2021 All American of the Year award by President Steve Copening during our Veteran’s Day luncheon. We congratulate Mike Lonetto and thank him for his continued support to our 82nd Airborne Division Association and his service to our Nation. He is an amazing Member of our Association and we are blessed to have him and his energy in our organization.



Members and Veterans at the Dwight D Eisenhower Memorial

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Members and Veterans at the World War II Memorial.



Mike Lonetto and Walter Rauscher.



President Steve Copening Presenting 2021 All American of the Year Award to Mike Lonetto.

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The Color Guard at Arlington.



Wreath Presentation at Arlington



The Color Guard at the World War II Memorial with WWII Veterans Harry Miller and Ray Wallace and President Steve Copening.

VETERANS DAY 2021



Hospitality Room



Hospitality Room



Lunch at the Sequoia Restaurant

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Wreath Presentation at Arlington



Wreath Presentation at the Korean War Memorial



The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial

Washington D.C.

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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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MEMORIAL**



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The 82nd Airborne Division: A Year in Review and Ready to Jump into 2022 FORT BRAGG, NC.

The 82nd Airborne Division: 2021 in Review:

It has been a busy year for the 82nd Airborne Division and its more than 19,000 Paratroopers and their families. The Division participated in numerous combined arms training events, to include multiple joint forcible entry operations from Defender 2021 in Europe, to conducting airborne operations with our Colombian counterparts. The Division maintained a high level of readiness across our formations through rigorous and realistic training events from the ranges of Fort Bragg, to the training areas of the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). From the “20-Minute Stress Shoots,” to multiple live fire exercises at every echelon, our Paratroopers highlighted just how capable our formations are. Our Paratroopers excelled at perfecting the art and science of maneuver, integrating and echeloning lethal and non-lethal assets, and showcasing that every Paratrooper has a vital role regardless of Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) once the green light turns on. The concept of the Little Group of Paratroopers (LGOP) remains alive and well, maintaining the proud 104 years of our history and storied traditions that define who we are. Our Paratroopers “lived the legacy” every day and maintained a high state of readiness during uncertain times. Our Paratroopers continually showcased that our Division could jump, fight and win against any threat. The role of our Division was tested on August 12, 2021 when the 1st Brigade Combat Team, the “Devils in Baggy Pants,” along with the Division Headquarters and enablers from across Fort Bragg and the XVIII Airborne Corps were alerted to support Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) in Kabul, Afghanistan. Simultaneously 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the Falcon Brigade, fulfilled the critical role of the Outload Support Element and the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, the Panther Brigade, rapidly assumed the IRF and prepared to follow the Devil Brigade if called upon. During Operation Allies Refuge, the IRF and forces from across the Department of Defense enabled the evacuation of over 100,000 personnel from the Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) in under 15 days. This was the third IRF activation of the Division within the last two years, showcasing why our Division exists and the consistent state of readiness it maintains.

October 2021-December 2021:

Upon return from HKIA in the Fall of 2021, the Division continued to showcase its ability to rapidly recover from operations forward, and prepared for follow on missions. Some key highlights included the Panther Brigade’s Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX) in the first week of October of 2021, and increased our proficiency in the medical field during the execution of the Expert Field Medical Badge Testing during the first week of November. Also during the first week of November, the Division Chaplain’s Office and G3 Air Team organized our 2021 Saint Michael’s Jump, which honored the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, “Triple Nickels,” and the Army Riggers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Andrew Harewood, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Army Reserve provided the pre-jump prayer. Although we have not been able to execute All American Week in its full scale since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to execute All American Days from 18-19 November 2021. We conducted our first Division run since 2019, and hosted our annual events which included the Division Memorial Service, Gold Star Family Luncheon and the Division Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year we are inducted eight Paratroopers into the Division Hall of Fame. Inductees were selected based on their service within the Division, their lifelong commitment to the Division’s values, valorous combat action, and contributions to their chosen field outside of the Division. This year’s inductees included: Capt. John Dolan, Capt. Charles Sartain, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Capel, Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Slocum, Gen. David Rodriguez, Maj. Gen. Alexander Bolling, Pfc. Albert Dravland, and Staff Sgt. William Owens. During the Division Memorial Service, we sadly had to add seven names to our memorial walls, honoring those who gave the

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last full measure of devotion in both training and combat. The seven honored included: Sgt. Bryan Cooper Mount, Spc. Abigail Jenks, Pfc. Jean Cruz De Leon, Sgt. 1st Class Harold Jeffries, Cpl. Essex Graham, Cpl. Calvin Jackson, and Pvt. Clarence Johnson. A huge aspect of what makes our Division special is our connection with our Gold Star Families and our All American veterans. It is these events that help strengthen those bonds, and ensure that those who have served in our storied Division, and those who have given their lives in service to it are never forgotten. The Division also recognized some of its amazing Paratroopers at the close of All American Days. Sgt. 1st Class Ulrick Taylor, Jumpmaster of the Year; Sgt. Charles Bower, the All American Stress Shoot Winner; Sgt. Aaron Kindle, Paratrooper of the Year and Sgt. 1st Class Christian Mandzy the Division NCO of the Year. In December of 2021, we recognized the Fort Bragg Family of the Year, the Vona family. Capt. Vona, his wife Kristen, and their children Presley and Kathryn represent what makes our Division strong, and their dedication to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and the All American Family is invaluable to our LGOP. We closed out the month of December in true 82nd Airborne Division fashion, as Paratroopers, families and guests from across North Carolina attended the All American Holiday concert on December 10, 2021, held at the Crown Coliseum. The night had incredible performances from the 82nd Airborne Division Band and Chorus, Natalie Stovall, Craig Morgan, Abby Anderson, & Michael Ray. Santa Claus even took time from his busy schedule to join us, spreading holiday cheer before our Paratroopers went on a much deserved holiday block leave period. As we have transitioned into 2022, we are looking forward to the events that will bring our communities together and honor the proud history and storied tradition of our mighty Division. As always, your 82nd Airborne Division continues to maintain its high state of readiness as "America's Guard of Honor," and stands ready to be anywhere in the world within 18 hours or less.

Captain Darren M. Cinatl, 82nd Airborne Division



1st Brigade Combat Team Paratroopers load C-17s at Joint Base Charleston after being notified on 12 August 2021 to support Operation Allies Refuge, the Noncombatant Evacuation Operation in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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EFMB recipients get pinned their Expert Field Medical Badges on 05NOV21.



82nd Airborne Paratrooper conducts a “20 Minute Stress Shoot” to simulate the rigors of combat in October 2021.

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Division Run conducted on 18 November 2021.

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Jumpmaster of the Year, Sgt. 1st Class Ulrich Taylor and his family.



Center, Sgt. 1st Class Christian Mandzy the Division NCO of the Year and Sgt. Aaron Kindel, Division Paratrooper of the Year.

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The Vona Family, the Fort Bragg Family of the Year pictured with Col. Teddy Kleisner, the 1BCT Commander.



Flowers laid in honor of seven Paratroopers added to the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial on 18 November 2021.



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.

DAYTONA CHAPTER

As we often hear at this time of the year, "Where did the year go?" And this year like others, is now in the history books. Our Daytona Chapter members reflect on enduring restrictions, mandates, limited Chapter activities, and adjustments to situations we'd rather not have to experience. However, being paratroopers and having learned from the days in jump school that not all landings are "cushioned," we celebrate and enjoy the good that we see every day.

This year the Daytona Chapter welcomed several new members and several transfer members who are new to the Daytona area. Our "being on the lookout" for an 82nd patch on a vehicle's rear window or 82nd head gear has paid off. We've met other jumpers this way and invited them to join us at our meetings – several are now members. We all hope for some relief from the virus epidemic and more members attending our meetings in the coming year.

Throughout the year, we have had guest speakers join our meetings and present their stories related to being paratroopers or other lifetime accomplishments. This year we turned to our own members whose backgrounds were unique. Tom Goodwin is a veteran of the 101st Airborne in Viet Nam. Tom told us about his training at Ft Campbell and the surprise he got when told to pack his A Bag for deployment to Viet Nam. Tom served as an infantryman (11B) for a year. Tom is now one of our Directors. Mike Merritt, AKA Marine Mike, related his experiences (2 tours) in Viet Nam with the 3rd Recon Battalion and his follow-on assignments in Marine Intelligence which spanned 30 years of service in both CONUS and OCONUS. Mike is both Airborne and Ranger qualified and currently, Mike serves as a Director in the Daytona Chapter.

This past year, we lost one of our most appreciated and valued members. Mrs. Marion Bacon was the widow of a Daytona Chapter founding member, John Bacon. John served in Europe in World War II, and was recalled active duty to fight in Korea. John was wounded in both wars. He and Marion were faithful members of the Daytona Chapter, and following John's death, Marion seldom missed a meeting. Marion made Chapter vests for our members and sewed on 82nd and other patches. At meetings, she was often seen measuring a new member for his vest and presenting his personalized vest at the next meeting. Gentle winds and soft landings Marion.

The Chapter was pleased to welcome back Beverly Shook. Bev and Mike were dedicated members of the Chapter for many years. Both Bev and Mike seldom missed a meeting or one of our activities at the Daytona VA Out Patient Clinic. Once a month, Chapter members met at the clinic and offered coffee and snacks to Veterans. Bev always made and brought cookies for the Veterans. As a welcome back memento, Chairman Randy presented Bev with a Chapter coin.

The Daytona Chapter is proud to acknowledge Director Rod Phillips' presentation of the Viet Nam Veterans Association Achievement Award of having served more than 4,000 hours of volunteer work assisting Veterans in the Daytona area. Congratulations Rod.

Each Christmas season, Daytona Chapter members donate toys to the USMC Reserve Toys for Tots program. Like other years, the Chapter members were very generous in their selection and presentation of toys.

DAYTONA CHAPTER

Pictured here are Chapter members with their donated toys.



Chapter Members with donated toys.

Following the December meeting, Director Joe DiBlasi and Secretary Earl Tingle met with Toys for Tots representative Mrs. Donna Burke and presented the toys for distribution to local children. The Chapter is pleased to help with this project each year.

Pictured here is Mrs. Burke with Joe and Earl presenting the toys.

December 18 was the nationwide Wreaths Across America event. The Chapter participated in laying wreaths at Veterans grace sites at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Daytona where many Veterans now rest in peace.

Pictured here is Chapter member Rick Hildreth paying honors to a World War II veteran after placing a wreath and stating the name of this honored Veteran.

On behalf of the Daytona All-Airborne Chapter, we wish other Chapters and members a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year.



JAMES W. ETHERTON DETROIT CHAPTER

Greetings again from Detroit, the Great Lakes State's largest and greatest chapter. Once again we end the year with challenges much beyond our control. Bill Ryba fell and broke his collar bone and his shoulder. Andy Brown is battling dementia with the help of Col Ed Hirsch and his family. John Sosa has been suffering from Parkinson's disease and now is also tackling the aftermath of a stroke. Lynn Slivatz had covid, and Bob Slivatz hurt his back. Our chaplain Harry Wizniewski is getting another operation on his back and having speech problems that therapy can't fix. And Phil Griglio has been ill along with his wife who had covid.

Our biggest loss is that of chapter icon Sam Phillips who passed away from a multitude of problems not the least of which was diabetes, blood clots and paralysis. At the October meeting we were told that he was doing better and would be home as soon as rehab for the paralysis was completed. Within a week "Sammy" had died. "Sammy" is what we all knew him by as he was no stranger to this chapter, but more along with Jimmy Etherton, he "was" the chapter. He held every office except the chairman and when he retired Armando was planning on having Sammy take over. Sammy was our treasurer under Jim Etherton, and then Pat Roberts for over twenty five years, entertainment committee chairman, and he and Bonnie arranged all the picnics and activities. His loss caught us all off guard and by surprise and he's one of those souls that really is irreplaceable. There were lots of folks and chapter members who showed up to see Sammy off, with the chapter performing the military memorial service, and the VFW Corporal Bruce Post 1146 Ritual Team provided the graveside service, 21 gun salute and presentation of the flag. It was always "Sammy and Bonnie" as she was always there with Smokey and the ladies setting tables, arranging food, putting out newsletters, etc. Anything and everything that could be done in the chapter, there were Sammy and Bonnie. We're all going to miss him more than words can tell.



Sammy Phillips



Jim Etherton and Sammy Phillips

We also had our elections with the officers remaining the same except we're short. Gene Kacanowski is acting secretary and Phil Griglio agreed to stay on as acting treasurer and Steve Mrozek stood up to the call and is the acting vice chairman. Armando Guerra continues to serve as our chairman and will do so as long as we need him. Participation has been down as has attendance mainly due to the covid-19 virus and its variants. Mandates are put in place and changed at the whim of the government federal, state or local. We're adjusting to meet the needs and doing our best to keep the chapter up to date and informed.

As we go into the New Year we're filled with new challenges of wokeism, separatism, Marxism, and others who wish to tear apart our way of government. Our service members have to be more concerned with political agendas and what they post online than in fighting our enemies home and abroad. We ask you to keep them in your hearts, thoughts and prayers as they're the only ones standing between us and our enemies.

Bob Slivatz – columnist

JOHN TOWLE CLEVELAND CHAPTER

It is with great sorrow that the Cleveland Chapter say final farewell to one of our great members. James D Crowley Jr. "Hockey Jim" has been an active member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association for decades.

He entered the Army at the end of WW2. He successfully earned his "Jump" and "Glider" wings and then was assigned to the 504th PIR.

Jim was an active recruiter for new members. He was a great mentor to all the Jim served as a National Director for our association. Jim held many positions in

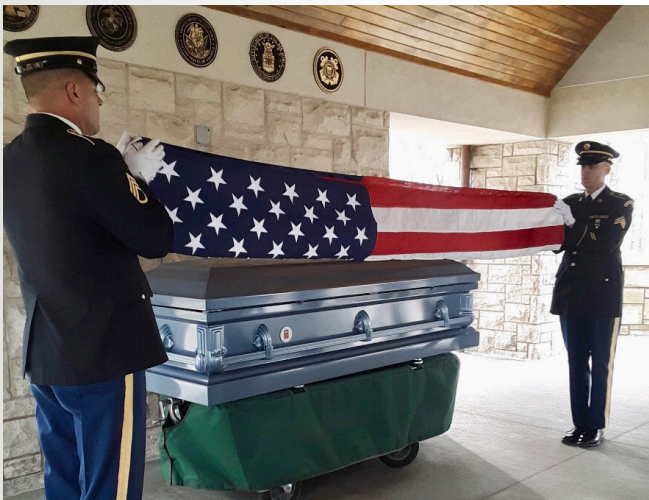
James loved the Airborne. His other love was that of Hockey. Jim was the equipment manager for the 82nd Airborne Hockey Team. He was with them when they won the championship for their division of this achievement. James's remains and service attendees were transported to the Barons Team bus. We thank them.

Jimmy was a Trooper in every way. He was tough and stuck to his values.

His last words to me were, "Airborne, All The Way. Strike Hold, I love you brother."

I will miss him. Soft landings my friend.

Here is a poem written for Jim by Cleveland Chap Chairman Sean Jennings.



JOHN TOWLE CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The serenity before the dawn awakens in us all a gentle calm
Thoughts run through our minds you see people like James Crowley that were a blessing to you and me
Although Jim has moved on with no more pain his spirit lives on in our heart and soul each and every day
We salute him now with a cup of "Joe" with precious thoughts of days gone by thank you dear lord for putting he in our lives....
Amen

'FOR ME, IT WAS A GREAT LIFE.'

James D. Crowley Jr. traveled from Brooklyn, Ohio, to Fort Bragg this year to be surrounded by his fellow paratroopers.

A self-described loner, Crowley doesn't often put himself amid large groups of people. But there's an exception each year during All American Week, the annual celebration of paratroopers past and present.

That's when the Indiana native comes to his real home — with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg.

Crowley entered the Army in 1946, and he served more than three years.

"That's me right there," he said, pointing to a photo from his Airborne School yearbook.

Crowley said he didn't even know what the 82nd Airborne Division was when he joined the Army. All he knew was that, during training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, someone offered him an extra \$50 in pay if he would become a paratrooper.

Crowley's response: "What the hell is a paratrooper?"

Soon after, Crowley was learning how to land in a parachute. He built his way up to 34-foot towers. And then planes.

From under his parachute canopy, Crowley said, the world was a quilt.

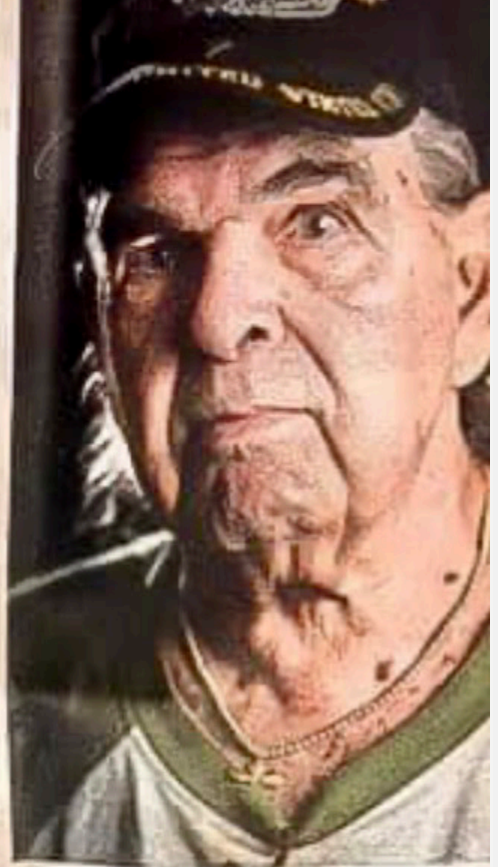
"It was beautiful to see all that scenery," he said.

Crowley said what he got out of the 82nd Airborne Division was much more valuable than \$50.

"It was great," he said. "For me, it was a great life."

Crowley said he returns to Fort Bragg to remember those days, his time with the All Americans and his time in a parachute harness.

"When I leave here I cry," the 88-year-old veteran said.



KENTUCKY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The Kentucky Airborne Chapter has been busy the past few months. We have enjoyed some range time and a great holiday party (thanks to the Basberg's once again for open their house to us) but most importantly we've been preparing for the 2022 Kentucky Airborne Reunion. It will take place February 17th to the 19th at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Lexington. We look forward to hosting everyone once again this year and showing some of our Southern hospitality.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Four members of our Chapter were invited to a VIP Brunch at Mission BBQ early December. Pictured below left and clockwise are Galen Mitchell, Fran Dolan, Frank Dochniak and Tony Alger.

Our Chapter ended the year with a great Christmas Party. It was good to be able to get together for this event and catch up with all the members. Some members hadn't seen anyone in over a year. Nice to see the increase in members coming out to meetings and other gatherings. A special thanks goes out to our Service Officer Joyce Damon and the ladies of the Chapter. They have always kept things going during the up and downs during the Pandemic.



Rich Becker was kind enough to swear in two of our officers at the party. Jerry Brust (Vice Chairman) and Tony Alger (Chairman). Frank Dochniak is being given the Chapter "Work Horse" Award for his duties as Sgt At Arms throughout the years. Darla Tatman - Assistant Service Officer and Joyce Damon - Service Officer are awarded the Trooperettes of the Year Award for providing the glue that has held our Chapter together throughout this pandemic. Without them, we'd starve!

Hope Alger - Chairman's wife, Jay Tatman - Secretary, and Rich Becker - National Director, jumped in to serve our Chapter as tradition calls for the leadership to serve its members during holiday meals. Hooah! Our entertainment was provided by TC Chas and Parrot Productions. We were able to talk Frank Rasbury a Charter Member into singing and leading us in ALL the Verses to "Blood On The Risers." Airborne!



NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

The snow and bad weather that we are known for, have been strangely been missing from our area so far.

With Christmas a few days away, only light snow has fallen and it disappeared by the next day.

The chapter Christmas Party earlier this month was enjoyed by all.

Great food, and conversation were abundant at this event. The location of the party was probably the nicest we have ever experienced. This was due to fellow member Tom Williams, who arranged the use of the Fire Hall of which he is member.

As everyone is now aware, the Covid situation is still a threat to everyone in the country. Hopefully, everyone has protected themselves and their loved ones by getting the recommended vaccine that is available to us all.

As the New Year is upon us, I'm sure we all hope for an end to this Pandemic.

Also, I'm sure we all hope that our Airborne Warriors have a safe year. Wishing all our Chapters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Members and Family at the Tarrant Veteran's Day Parade

NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

First and foremost, The North Texas Chapter offer's our deepest condolences to the family of Airborne brother John Ceballos who was the Chairman of the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter in El Paso. John's leadership and influence extended all the way to North Texas. John selflessly shared some good techniques-tactics-procedures with us that improved our chapter operations. RIP and Airborne All The Way!

Participating in the Tarrant County Veteran's Day Parade was special for us as it had been several years since the chapter marched down the avenue. The chapter awarded the Inaugural "Copeland for Corcoran Scholarship" to two new US Army recruits currently known as "Future Soldiers". Our chapter has partnered with US Army Recruiting in the DFW area to award select Future Soldiers the scholarship throughout the year. The intent for this program is for select Future Soldiers bound for Airborne School to purchase a brand-new pair of Corcoran jump boots and shoe polish which are non-issued items but used in Airborne units as part of the dress uniform. These select Future Soldiers must have Airborne school in their contract to be nominated for the scholarship. The Future Soldiers with the best essay on why they want to be a US Paratrooper is awarded. This program is named after Eric Copeland who originated the idea and was able to receive initial donations for the program. The chapter hopes to sustain this program well into the future. If you wish to donate, please contact our chapter or refer to our chapter webpage.

The Chapter once again participated in Wreaths Across America at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery which is always an honor in remembering the fallen. We are proud to announce Jeronimo Galban Jr. who has been selected as the North Texas Chapter Trooper of the Quarter. Jeronimo was one of the founding members of the North Texas Chapter in 1985. He has served as chairman and secretary numerous times providing great continuity. Jeronimo served as an Airborne Medic with the 307th Med BN. from 1970-1972.

The year came to a wrap with a holiday dinner and installation of 2022 officers. A lot of ideas and initiatives which had begun during Covid were finally operationalized in 2021 with traction. We will build more momentum in 2022. It's a true team effort from all the members, associates, and supporters that make things actionable. Yee haw and Airborne All The Way!



Vice Chairman Eric Copeland providing trail security for our float



Dana Troyer easily pulling the float, Eric Copeland in trail and far right Luis Torres in M42 Jump uniform

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CSM(R) David Gonzales graciously waving to the crowd



L-R: Nelson Martinez, Pete Dominguez, Future Soldiers and recipients of the Copeland for Corcoran Scholarship (names protected), Tom Wood, Eric Copeland



Members and Family during our Holiday Dinner

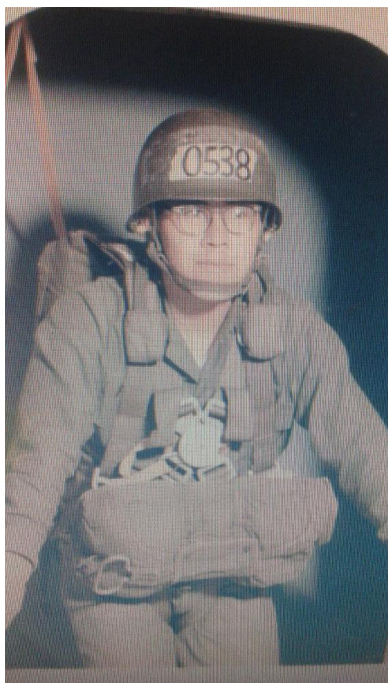
NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Installation of 2022 Officers, L-R: Secretary Nelson Martinez, Treasurer Glenda Flowers, Vice-Chair Eric Copeland, Chairman Pete Dominguez



Chaplin Gabriel Kanawite and in left of photo Emma Copeland at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery



North Texas Chapter Trooper of the Quarter: Jeronimo Galban Jr. standing in the door in 1970 at Ft. Benning



L-R: Adam Clark, Kyle Clark, Eric Copeland, Glenda Flowers, Tom Wood

GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY CHAPTER

The Last Couple of Years have been difficult for the Gen. M. B. Ridgway Chapter. Since January 2020 we have lost at least 6 Beloved Chapter Members and Ladies, their loss was very Difficult. Starting in January 2020 We lost former 1st Lady of the 82nd ABN. Div. Assn. Carolyn Beekman. Then in order We lost Willard Davidson, then Ginney Howlett, Cliff Faherer, Gerry Swigart, AND THEN Last November We Took another Big Hit when We Lost Ben Beekman. Ben was a 2 time Assn. President and was Highly Regarded within the Assn.

Even Though We have had a difficult time here at the Ridgway Chapter, We are a resilient Chapter. We are focused and looking forward to the possibilities that a new Year holds. We at the Ridgway Chapter hold dear the memories of those We lost, and are eternally grateful for those who are still with us.

In Loving Memory of:

Carolyn Mae Beekman

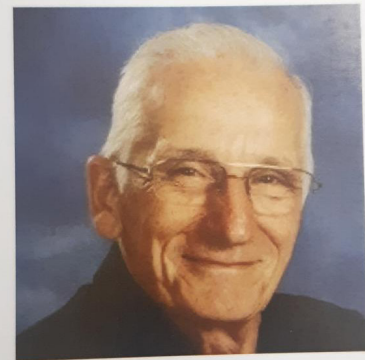
July 16, 1938 - January 14, 2020



In Loving Memory of:

Ben Beekman

July 18, 1936 - November 19, 2021



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3: 5-6



Howlett and Swigart



Ben Beekman

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

While technically under the fall issue time frame, it was just too close to get in the last issue!! We wrapped up our 2021 fund raising season by teaming with our local Veterans Affairs Office, the Kenosha County Parks Division and "Boundless Adventures"!! An afternoon was set aside by Boundless Adventures with a six hour window of opportunity for local Kenosha County veterans to come out and basically do a confidence course in the trees at no cost to them. For everyone else who paid to do the course during this time frame, all of the money went to our severely wounded warrior fund! The Kenosha County Veterans Office did the lion's share of the work verifying the veteran status of those who wanted to climb.



Chapter member Dan Boring who has been our ambassador to Walter Reed to deliver checks to the severely wounded, was working with the Family Services Office at Walter Reed to regain access for the Chapter. Sadly after 15 years of personally handing checks over to those recovering at Walter Reed, the JAG had declared that somehow our activity somehow violates HIPPA Laws! This of course fails the common sense test as we require NO personal information from the Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Airman receiving one of our checks!!!

Not allowing this impediment to stop us, I was proud to present a check to Lance Corporal Finley when he came home on convalescent leave from Walter Reed! What was unique is that we set out a donation jug at our car show in September specifically for him as he is from Kenosha. The jug brought in \$2,500.00 and the chapter matched it! We hosted him and his mother for dinner before he returned to the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Pendleton. When told of our predicament with JAG at Walter Reed, she offered to contact the mothers of the two other Marines who were wounded in Kabul! As a result of this, we were able to send checks off directly to the Marines with the grateful acknowledgement of their mothers!



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Once again the chapter gathered to celebrate Christmas and our accomplishments over the last year. Sadly we wanted to recognized the efforts of one of our members, Gary Ladousa who turned 80 and now wants to spend more time with family and of course on the golf course. Gary was responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing our annual Golf Tournament for the previous 8 years. This event was our largest fund raiser of the year and golfers came from as far away as Texas to participate in this event! Gary has been there for every one of our events as well doing whatever is necessary. As such I nominated him for the Association Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and Coin. It was an honor to present it to him at our Christmas Party! We are uniquely blessed with volunteers like Gary and the rest of our members who do the fundraising and all the work that goes into it without any form of compensation except the knowledge that we are doing it for the most



**82ND SOUTHERN WISCONSIN
ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER**

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE
**Friday,
March 11, 2022**
6-11 PM
Dancing starts at 7pm

THE BRAT STOP
Parkway Chateau Entrance C
12304 75th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142

**MUSIC BY
THE CHEVELLES**

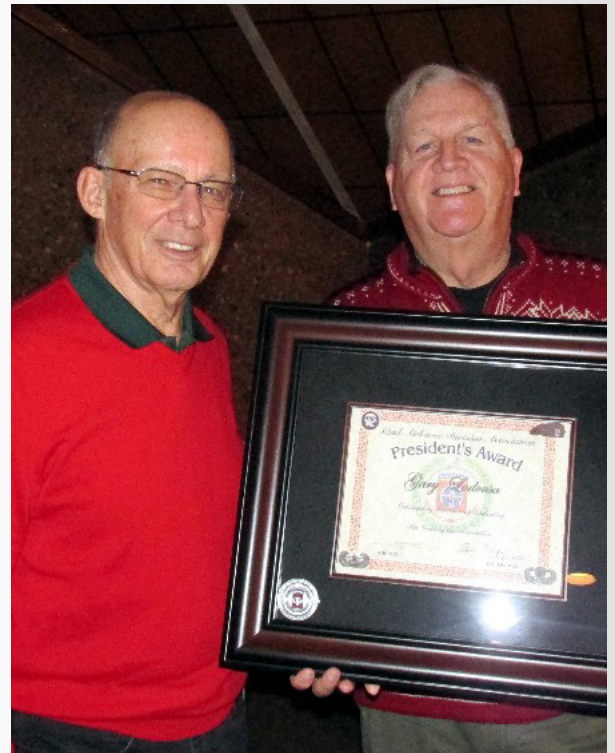
Food and drinks are available for purchase on-site
Dance Contest ♦ Dress Contest ♦ 50-50 Raffle ♦ Raffles

\$10 single | \$20 couple
Proceeds directly benefit
Severely Wounded Warriors
**all gave some, some gave all
to protect our freedom**

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At the Brat Stop Cheese Counter,
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for more information:
Jack Gibbons (262) 857-7182
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deserving!

Not resting on our laurels, we have our first fund raiser set up for March! Why stay at home when you can get out and dance at our St. Pats Dance!! If you happen to be in the area, stop in and enjoy yourself! The music is great and this year we will be featuring even more of the Beatles!!

TAMPA BAY ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

Tampa Bay AA Chapter participated with the American Legion Post 152 Riders, as part of their Wreaths of American drive. We conducted the "All American Picnic" for all the participants that were part of their ride. The purpose of sponsoring the "All American Picnic" is to help us get donations for the 82nd Airborne Division - Holiday Food Baskets for the Troops. Brandon Zylstra, our First Vice Chairman, did an outstanding job of cooking all the wings, while Lucien Campillo, our Treasurer, was busy trying to keep up with all the orders for burgers and hot dogs, with Tony Marshall assisting running the food back to the serving line. We had several of our chapter members (Jesse Siemanis, Hector Rivera, and Henry Thorpe) here helping out and serving. We at the conclusion of the event, held an auction of 82nd Airborne Division pictures and Unit coins that were donated by some of the active Division units. These were very popular with all those in attendance, and I want to thank the units that provided the coins, one of the coins went for \$125.00 from a veteran that served with the unit. At the end of this event we raised a little over \$2,100.



A couple members of our chapter had the opportunity to participate in a Jump from the Tico Belle, a C-47 that flew paratroopers into battle during the "Night of Nights". Right here in Zephyrhills Florida, Andy Medina and Lucien Campillo joined with other members of The Phantom Airborne Brigade for this rare opportunity. Both Andy and Lucien were Jumpmasters in the 82nd Airborne, and found an opportunity to add another unique jump to their log's.

After all the events and donations received in our drive for the Holiday food baskets for the troops of the Division, we were able to contribute \$4,150.00 to this great cause. I want to ensure that we recognize the American Legion Post 152, here in

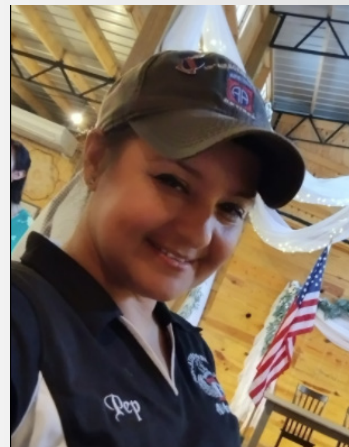


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Tampa for their assistance and support. This drive was a combination of all the efforts from the members of our Chapter and their support.

We had our Tampa Bay All Airborne Christmas Luncheon at Madison Barn, that was so graciously provided by our Airborne brother, Willie Rivera and his wife Irene. This was a great backdrop to our celebrating this year's achievements. Even though we've been slowed down a little due to all the issues that we're all affected by these days, it was great to have a gathering of our LGOP, here in Tampa Bay.

We had a pleasant surprise visitor to our Luncheon; the Associations National Director, Maggie Peppers, and she came to present us with some fabulous news. She announced that our Chapter had been selected as the 2021 82nd Airborne Division Association, Chapter of the Year. It is recognition at the National Association level for a chapter's efforts in their community and continued support to our Paratroopers and their families -past, present and future. We want to thank the association for this selection and it is our intention to keep up the standards that led to this honor.



Then Maggie, took the time to swear in our new officers for the Chapter for 2022 - 2024:

Chapter Chair: Henry Thorpe

1st Vice: Brandon Zylstra

2nd Vice: Lucien Campillo

Secretary: Tony Marshall

Treasurer: Brian Severino



This year's meal was catered by Mission BBQ who, as usual, did an outstanding job.

Maggie was also the beneficiary of a surprise as well. One of our members, Jesse Siemanis and Maggie served together in Division, in the 313th MI BN, and hadn't seen each other since 1996.



TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER

The Texas Lone Star Chapter hosted the National Convention this year after the Convention was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We didn't know what was going to happen. People were out of work, business's closing and no one knew what to do. Rumors were abound and people were in disagreement as to what to do next.

At our monthly meeting in January 2021, we decided to push ahead and we would hosted the National Convention no manner if we had 2 people or 2,000 people attend. Needless to say the convention was not a large one as the nation was still in quarantine and people were staying home and not traveling. Here is an example of some of the planning problems for the Convention. We had planned a tour to the Bush Presidential Library. The Library was closed until around April when they opened for small group and individuals. They gave us hope that they believed they would be fully opened by August. Three weeks before the convention they closed down completely again. We had to scramble and find another tour and offer refunds for those who wanted to attend the Presidential Library. We did not have many active duty troopers present because the 82nd Airborne Division was mobilized during the Convention for the Afghanistan War to direct security at the Kabul airport. The Division assisted in the return of military and civilians who were serving in Afghanistan. We had a small Convention with only 255 people attending, but everyone enjoyed the fellowship we had at the Convention.

Since the Convention the Chapter has been busy. On November 6 and 7, 2021 we volunteered to help "Salute to Military Service and First Responder 2021" at the Kemah Boardwalk. We sold some of our leftover coins and t-shirts. We also recruited two new members.

On November 11 the Chapter marched in the Houston Veterans Day Parade. The Chapter had twelve troopers march in the parade. Our Color Guard looked great and people cheered when they saw our Color being marched around the city of Houston. We also had members of the Chapter attend Veteran's Day activities in Washington, DC. They laid wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at many of the War Memorial Monuments.

On Saturday, November 20th we held our annual picnic at NASA Park in Webster, Texas near the Space Center. We had 42 members and their spouses present. We had lots of good food and adult beverages to drink. The day was beautiful and we just enjoyed visiting with each other.

Saturday, December 11, 2021, we held our Christmas Party at Sam's Boat in Cypress. We had 35 members to RSVP for the buffet of crab cakes, boiled shrimp, grilled flounder with Pontchartrain sauce, grilled chicken, mixed green salad, dirty rice, garlic red potatoes, roaster vegetable medley and key lime pie. We drew door prizes and had a raffle for a bottle of 82nd Airborne whiskey. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

On December 18, chapter members participated with Wreath Across America to lay wreaths on the graves at the Houston National Veterans Cemetery. We had 10 members to participate. About half way through laying all the 47,000 plus wreaths a big cold front storm came and drop two inches of rain in 30 minutes. It took us almost an hour to get under shelter to weather the cold and the rain. That will be a day for us to remember. Also this year the Chapter helped decorate the Houston Fisher House with the Daughter of the American Revolution.

The Texas Lone Star Chapter officers for 2022 are David Mayfield – Chairman, Bernie Hanus – Vice Chairman, Larry Stewart – Secretary, Allen E. Schoppe – Treasurer, George Clark – Trustee 1, Claude Collins – Trustee 2, Leo Foisner – Trustee 3, Bernie Hanus – Chaplain, Ruben Espinoza – SGT of Arms, Frank Rangel – Color Guard Commander, Allen E. Schoppe – Newsletter Editor

On August 25, 2021, member Thomas "Tommy" Ontiveros Jr., 74, of Deer Park, Texas, passed away. Tommy was born in Corpus Christi, Texas to Thomas Sr. and Virginia Ontiveros on August 2, 1947. He graduated from Milby High School in Houston, Texas. He married Paula Sandoval on December 6, 1970, in Houston, Texas. He worked as a machinist for MEMC for 30 years. After completing his jump school training, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft Bragg, North Carolina. He served in Vietnam with the 4th infantry Division and after his return to the United States he returned to the 82nd. He also served with the 36th Airborne Brigade, Texas National Guard. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne Association Texas Lone Star Chapter, a member of the American Legion Post #472, and Knights of Columbus.

Tommy is preceded in death by his Father, Thomas Ontiveros Sr., Mother, Virginia Ontiveros, Siblings, Alfredo Ontiveros, and Patricia Mendoza. Tommy is survived by his wife Paula, son Thomas and his daughter in law Angie, grandchildren, Noah,

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Hannah, and Zachary. He is also survived by several sisters, brother and sister in laws. Tommy was greatly loved by family, and friends. He will be missed!

The Lone Star Chapter is sadden to get the report of Past National President Ben Beekman's death. He was a great leader in our Association. Ben was an honorable man of great integrity, pride in his country, love and dedication for his family, and faith in our lord Jesus Christ. He will be missed.



Thomas Ontiveros



Chairman David Mayfield and wife Cindi



Chairman David Mayfield presenting award to the C-47 for flying members during Convention



Lone Star Chapter members after the National Convention

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Decorating the Houston Fisher House.



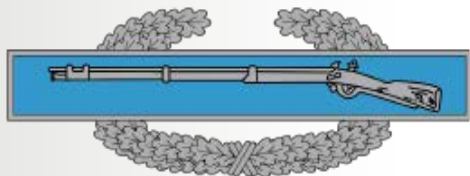
Chapter Members Rich Baker and David and Cindi Mayville at the Fisher House



Lone Star Chapter Members and Association Members at World War II Memorial

WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

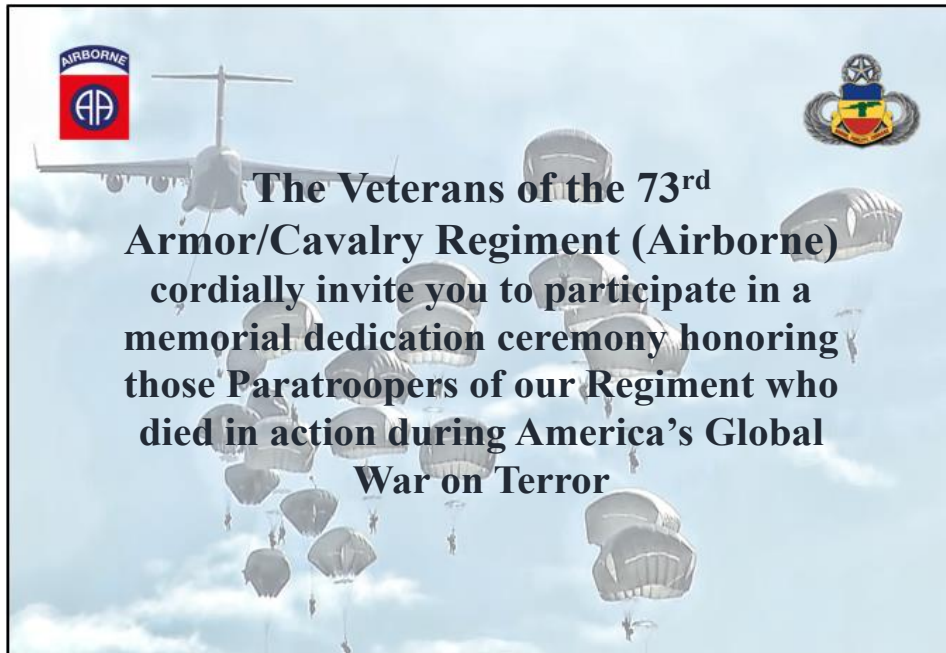
**Operation Power Pack Wreath Presentation
at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National
Cemetery on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at 11:15am**



In honor of the paratroopers who served in Operation Power Pack, a dinner is being hosted by Mr. Walter Rauscher at Sequoia Restaurant in Georgetown on Friday, April 22nd at 6:00pm.

Following the wreath presentation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on April 23rd, a luncheon will be hosted by Mr. Walter Rauscher at Sequoia Restaurant.

More details are forthcoming, but if any specific information is needed please email the Washington DC Chapter at:
washingtondc@82ndairborneassociation.org



Heartland Airborne Memorial Ceremony Details

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022 11:00 AM

Location: Heartland Of America Airborne Memorial,
6005 Underwood Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68132

Event Summary: At this ceremony, we will dedicate a Memorial Name Brick for each of the 50 Paratroopers from the 73rd Cavalry Regiment killed in action during America's Global War on Terror

Invitees: Veterans, Gold Star Families, Paratroopers, Local and State Dignitaries, Patriotic and Civic Groups

For More Information or to RSVP: Contact Patrick Chaisson at 518-641-2731 or by email at PCchaisson518@gmail.com

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

\$1000 - Full Page / Color / 4 Issues

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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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DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have donated to the Association during the last quarter. Your generosity allows us to continue our Mission and fund Programs that benefit our Active Duty Troopers and to continue to find new programs. We could not do this without your generosity and support. Thank you. Airborne!

DONOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
David, Alaluf Sharon Blackman		\$ 10.00
Bill Waller		\$ 100.00
LaFayette		\$ 500.00
ISG Leonard A Funk MOH Chapter		\$ 300.00
St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 1,000.00
Dan Theile	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 25.00
Peter Forthofer	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 100.00
Tillman E Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 250.00
Colin Gray	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 100.00
Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 4,150.00
Arthus and Mary Daniels	In memory of Jack Ryan	\$ 500.00
Anna Kalivas	In memory of John Kalivas	\$ 300.00
Charles Wagner		\$ 100.00
504 PIR Assoc	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 504.00
Richard Becker	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 164.00
Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 500.00
Harold Thomas	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 100.00
John Steele Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 300.00
Bradley Chapman		\$ 5.00
Texas Lone Star Chapter		\$ 300.00
Colin Gray	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 100.00
David Fraley	In memory of Ross S Carter, C Co, 504th PIR	\$ 100.00
Chicago Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 200.00
CC Mankiewicz	Holiday Troop Support - In memory of SGT B J Wait	\$ 25.00
San Joaquin Valley Chapter		\$ 100.00
The Bragg'n Barn Thrift Shop	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 1,000.00
Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter	Holiday Troop Support	\$ 250.00
WJ and Virginia Huddmeson	In memory of William Ricketts	\$ 50.00
Richard Becker	In Memory of Byron "Ben" Beekman	\$ 82.00
Shawn Bleiler		
John Dullahan		\$ 50.00
Gerald Finkler		\$ 25.00



DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Steven Hula		\$ 25.00
Michael Erwin		\$ 10.00
John Dullahan		\$ 50.00
Gerald Finkler		\$ 25.00
Steven Hula		\$ 25.00
Michael Erwin		\$ 10.00

I (WE) _____, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE 82ND ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND.

PLEASE RECORD MY NAME IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARAGLIDE.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION IN MEMORY OF _____.

I WISH FOR MY DONATION TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. AND MAIL TO:

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.
ATTN: BILL BAUER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 87482
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28304-7482

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AT THIS TIME. FUNDS WILL BE USED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS AND THE PUBLISHING OF THE PARAGLIDE.

We are happy to report that the 82nd Airborne Division Association has received our 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status approval letter. We are currently
working to secure the 501(c)3 status for each of our Chartered Chapters and will announce when we have resolution on our request. A copy of
our 501(c)3 letter is located on our website at: [http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1.-501\(c\)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1.-501(c)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf)

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

\$1000 - Full Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$500 - Half Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$250 - Quarter Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$100-BusinessCard/Color/4Issues

\$150 - Facebook & Website Advertising/Monthly

Ads & Artwork must be camera ready.

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

execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. An invoice will be issued once the ad is approved. ATW!

ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2022

May 23-26, 2022

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us as we celebrate All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall).

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn – Moon Hall) - The Registered Member rates are \$82.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes buffet breakfast.

Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms:

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall)

Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) ihgarmyhotels.com

Group code: AAW

If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not be eligible for the discounted hotel group rates, nor be able to use our block of rooms!

There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

Registration is \$125. REGISTRATIONS MUST be received by 7 May 2022.

After 7 May 2022 a late registration of \$150 per person will be charged.

Registration can be mailed in or you can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 26 May, at the Iron Mike Conference Center.

The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 23 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 25 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

The meals for these events, and drinks and snacks in the hospitality room, are included in the registration fee.



Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Moon Hall.

Golf Scramble information will be put out shortly.



ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2022 REGISTRATION May 23-26, 2022



\$125 Per Person Registration Fee, includes:

The Association Dinner Social (Coat and Tie Event) will be held on Thursday, 26 May at the Iron Mike Conference Center. The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic will be held on Monday, 23 May at the Fayetteville Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Picnic) and the Fayetteville Chapter Southern BBQ Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 25 May at Moon Hall.

Beer, soda, water and snacks will be included in the hospitality room nightly.

Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk at Moon Hall.
(There will be **no** transportation provided from the airports. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available).

\$125 per person REGISTRATION must be received by 7 May 2022!

After 7 May 2022 a late registration fee of \$150 per person will be charged.

Transportation to All American Week Events will be available from Moon Hall.

Please complete the following information (*Please print legibly*):

Name: _____ Title/Rank: _____ Phone# _____
Last First last held include area code

Address (Street, City, Zip Code): _____

Membership # _____ Exp. Date _____ Email (please include): _____

Guest 1: _____ Guest 2: _____
Last First Last First

Guest 3: _____ Guest 4: _____
Last First Last First

\$125 (or \$150 after May 7, 2022) (per person Registration) X # _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Challenge Coins _____ x \$16.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

ARRIVAL DATE	DEPARTURE DATE	ASSOCIATION CHAPTER
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Did you serve in the 82nd ABN DIV in (please circle):

WWII Dom Rep Vietnam Grenada Panama Persian Gulf GWOT

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AT (Please circle): Airborne Inn / Landmark Inn / Other

Please specify any Handicap needs: _____

Make check/money order payable to:

82nd Airborne Division Association, P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville NC 28304-7482.

Any questions, please call (910) 223-1182.

**2022 AAW Challenge Coin - \$16
each**

Image to come

Cancellations and/or requests for refunds must be submitted no later than 7 May 2022.

Refunds will not be issued after this date unless it is a verifiable emergency. Funds will be considered a donation to the Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 76TH NATIONAL CONVENTION August 10-13, 2022 Orlando, Florida

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us in Orlando, FL for the Association's 76th National Convention. Registration for the Convention is just \$150 per attendee. This covers food, snacks, and drinks, in the hospitality room, plus 2 formal dinners, a true bargain. Please register early as the registration fee will increase to \$175 per person after July 25, 2022.

Upon arrival at the hotel, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk for your welcome packet. Signs will be posted for the location of our registration desk in the hotel.

You can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or you can mail in your registration to:

82nd Airborne Division Association
PO Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Hotel reservations have been arranged for Association members at The Rosen Centre for ONLY \$89 per room night (plus tax), and this is extended 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention to enable you to make this not only a great convention but also a fantastic vacation opportunity. Space is limited, so please book early. Please



note that the hotel reservations cut off date is July 8, 2022.

Hotel Reservations need to be made directly with the hotel:

THE ROSEN CENTRE
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL
800-204-7234
(reference 82nd Airborne Division Association)

Or you can go directly to their website and book your room at: [https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2022-](https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2022-08-09&chain=10237&child=0&config=ORLRH¤cy=USD&depart=2022-08-14&group=GRP_%2082nd%20Airborne&hotel=69869&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1&themecode=ORLRH)

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REMEMBER, an adult must be registered for the convention to receive the Association group rate at check out.

Come to the 76th Annual Convention and stay a few extra days to enjoy comradery and family fun in the sun at Theme Parks, Dining, Music, and Shopping or just stay in the pool!



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
76th ANNUAL CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
10-13 AUGUST 2022
(Please print legibly)



NAME _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHAPTER _____ ASSOC Member # _____

GUEST 1 _____ GUEST 2 _____

GUEST 3 _____ GUEST 4 _____

Any handicap needs: _____

Registration Fee \$150.00 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, and banquets)

_____ attending x \$150 = \$ _____
Challenge Coins _____ x \$16.00 each = \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Please register early as registration goes up to \$175 after 7/25/2022

Please make checks/money orders payable to 82nd Airborne Division Association. Mail to PO BOX 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or register online at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY AT

THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL

9840 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

800-204-7234

(reference 82nd ABN Division Association) or online at:

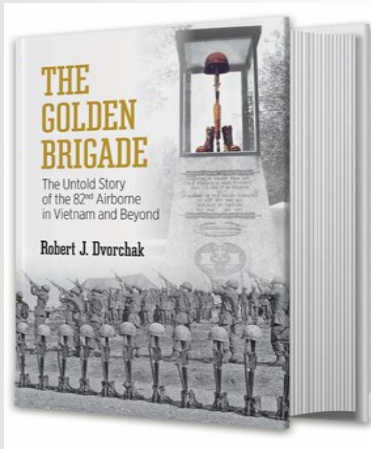
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**2022 Convention Challenge
Coin - \$16 each**

Image to come

Deluxe guest rooms, \$89 per room night. Space is limited, so please book early. This rate will be applied only to those who are registered for the Convention.

We look forward to seeing you at the 76th National Convention!



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Bdvorchak@msn.com. (call over 5 books)

Questions: Golden Brigade Chapter 804-338-8222

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ #copies x \$35 _____

Educational Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd

Airborne Division Association Educational Fund since last publication of the Paraglide. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

CONTRIBUTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
CSM Ron Rath	Past President Ben Beekman	\$50.00
CSM Ron Rath	James D. Crowley	\$50.00
James Swanson		\$151.47
Greater Daytona Chapter		\$500.00
Chicago Chapter		\$800.00
CSM Ron Rath	Ray Copening	\$50.00
Ben Vandervoort Chapter	Edward Lacy	\$50.00
Ben Vandervoort Chapter	Artie Heape	\$50.00
James Gaines		\$1.00
IBM		\$57.20
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IBM		\$57.20
David and Linda West	Thomas Ontiveros	\$50.00
American Legion Post-Houston	Thomas Ontiveros	\$65.00
Paula Ontiveros	Thomas Ontiveros	\$300.00
Paula Ontiveros	Thomas Ontiveros	\$700.00
Dominga Valle	Thomas Ontiveros	\$100.00
Graciela Trevino	Thomas Ontiveros	\$75.00
Allen E. Schoppe	Thomas Ontiveros	\$50.00
Donahue Family Charity		\$500.00
Central PA Chapter	Ray Copening	\$82.00
IBM		\$57.20
82d Association		\$479.85
82d Association		\$36.00
Roger & Francis Cooper	Andrew J. Ferko	\$58,015.35
Ben Vandervoort Chapter	Bill Acebees	\$50.00
IBM		\$57.20
The Harris Rosen Foundation		\$100.00
Texas Lone Star Chapter		\$500.00
IBM		\$57.20
David, Alaluf Sharon Blackman		\$10.00
Shawn Bleiler		\$25.00
Robert Goldsmith		\$100.00
IL - John Steele Chapter		\$300.00

Educational Fund

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2022-2023 Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2022

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications **MUST** be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than ***October 15, 2022***. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund
PO Box 87482, Fayetteville
NC 28304-7482

For more information, contact your Chapter Chairman or Secretary.

Donations may be sent to the address above or online at

www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html

It's CFC Season!



Look for the Educational Fund in your CFC Brochure,
the Fund is listed with the:
*Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service
Organizations of America.*
CODE NUMBER: 11449
82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

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November 15, 2021

To: The Board of Directors
82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of the 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 1, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. are described in Note B to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ending December 31, 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of

management. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

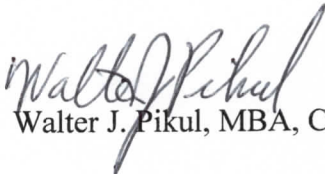
We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 15, 2021.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of members of the Board and management of the 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,


Walter J. Pikul, MBA, CPA, CFP®

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82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

Financial Statement

For the year ended December 31, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members
82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc.

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Walter J. Pikul, MBA, CPA, CFP®

Fayetteville, North Carolina
November 15, 2021

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Checking

\$ 37,676.38

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

\$ 37,676.38

OTHER ASSETS

Certificates of Deposit - FBFCU

\$ 233,415.15

Investments - RBC Wealth Management

95,094.20

Investments - Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

312,550.68

Investments - LPL Financial

173,116.64

TOTAL OTHER ASSETS

\$ 814,176.67

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 851,853.05

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

\$ 7,194.00

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

\$ 7,194.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 7,194.00

NET ASSETS

WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Undesignated

\$ 844,659.05

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$ 844,659.05

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$ 851,853.05

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2020

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	
Contributions	\$ 56,638.93
Dividend Income	15,172.31
Interest Income	36.25
Other Income	0.00
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TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 71,847.49
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EXPENSES	
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Scholarships	\$ 41,000.00
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TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 41,000.00
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GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Professional Fees	0.00
Office Expense	0.00
Deductions	5,438.84
Bank Fees	0.00
Postage	0.00
Travel	696.38
Investment Fees	3,342.88
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TOTAL GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$ 9,478.10
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TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	50,478.10
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NET OPERATING INCOME	21,369.39
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OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSES)	
Unrealized Loss	\$ (8,984.38)
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSES)	\$ (8,984.38)
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 12,385.01
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NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 832,274.04
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NET ASSETS AT THE END OF YEAR	\$ 844,659.05
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2020

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Increase in net assets	\$ 12,385.01
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash used by operating activities:	
Increase in Accounts Payable	3,702.00
Transfer	-
Other Income	
Total Adjustments	3,702.00
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 16,087.01
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Dividend Income	15,172.31
Interest Income	36.25
Purchase of Investments	(707.91)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$ 14,500.65
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 30,587.66
BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	7,088.72
ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 37,676.38

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended December 31, 2020

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Nature of Activities

The purpose of 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. (the association) is to financially help the dependent children of airborne soldiers, veterans, and former active duty troopers to further their education.

Income Taxes

82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization. This exemption is provided under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is in effect until revoked or until a technical disqualification occurs.

The association's Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the years ending 2017, 2018 and 2019 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they were filed.

Support

82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. receives all its support through contributions from the general public and events sponsored by 82D Airborne Division Association, Inc.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. is presented to assist in understanding the association's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the association's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements reflect the association's operations for the year ended December 31, 2020 and present all funds for which the association is responsible.

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Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the association have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purpose of the statement of cash flows, 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Property and Equipment

82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. does not have any real property or equipment.

Promises to Give

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the organization that is, in substance, unconditional. Pledges from the Combined Federal Campaign are recognized as income when cash is received.

Contributed Services

Many volunteers donate their services and perform a variety of tasks that assist in the operations of the organization. The value of such services is not reflected in the financial statements because those services do not meet the criteria for recognition in financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual amounts may differ from those estimates.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the framework for measuring fair values. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to

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unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements),

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets 82D Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, Inc. has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2020.

Assets at Fair Value as of:
December 31, 2020

	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Certificates of Deposit – FBFCU	\$233,415.15	\$233,415.15	\$233,415.15
Investments - RBC Wealth Management	95,094.20	95,094.20	95,094.20
Investments - Merrill Lynch Wealth	312,550.68	312,550.68	312,550.68
Investments - LPL Financial	173,116.64	173,116.64	173,116.64
Total	<u>\$814,176.67</u>	<u>\$814,176.67</u>	<u>\$814,176.67</u>

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NOTE C - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The association maintains cash balances in one checking account and three money market accounts. The checking account is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC Insured) up to \$250,000, but the U. S. government money market accounts are not insured by any federal government agency. The association has not experienced any loss in such accounts. As of December 31, 2020, the total uninsured balance in the money market accounts is \$21,091.53. The association believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash balances.

NOTE D - ASSET RESTRICTIONS

All assets are unrestricted.

NOTE E - FUNDRAISING

There were no fundraising expenses incurred during the year ended December 31, 2020.



MILITARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/UPDATE FORM
82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please print legibly!

Memberships/Updates can also be processed online at www.82ndairborneassociation.org under the Membership link.

FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames): _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ RANK: _____ SSN: _____ (SUBMIT *ONLY* LAST 4)

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

HOME #: (____) _____ CELL #: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____
(Civilian email preferred)

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR THOSE *CURRENTLY* SERVING IN OR ATTACHED TO
THE 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION**

____ FIRST YEAR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS FREE	____ ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP (except for First Year) - \$35.00
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-1 to E-4 - \$82.00	____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-5 to E-7 / W-1, W-2 / O-1 to O-3 - \$150.00
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up \$350.00	

LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)

--UNIT #1: _____ FROM MO/YR: _____ TO MO/YR: _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR: _____ TO MO/YR: _____

--UNIT #2: _____ FROM MO/YR: _____ TO MO/YR: _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR: _____ TO MO/YR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ CHAPTER: _____

Upon ETS, please specify a State/Chapter you would like to transfer your membership to: _____

(Local Chapter may contact you only to inform you of local events.)

BENEFITS: You have joined a Fraternity of Airborne Troopers (Paratroopers and Glidermen) that became the Charter members during WWII. Their legacy has proudly continued through the years by Paratroopers that now exceed 34,000 members in the largest and only Charter Airborne Association in the world. Additional benefits can be found on our website.

LIFE MEMBERS: Receive a membership card and Certificate, are eligible to attend the August National Convention for life and are eligible for dependent children to receive College Scholarship Grants for up to 4 years.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Receive a card that will expire one year from date of issue and are eligible to attend the August National Convention.

(Updated July 28th, 2020 ARH)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 August 2020)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

Current 82nd Airborne Division
Association Card # _____

82nd Association Chapter _____

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

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Dates Assigned/
Attached to the
1st BCT/504th
PIR

From
(MM/DD/YYYY)

To
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Unit _____

Rank _____

SSN _____

Current
Occupation _____

Telephone _____

Spouse's
First Name _____

Single ☐
Widowed ☐
Married ☐
Male ☐
Female ☐

Children _____

Payment
Enclosed 504
PIR Assn.

Annual
Dues: _____

Lifetime
Dues: _____

Payment
Enclosed 82nd
Assn.

Annual
Dues: _____

Lifetime
Dues: _____

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.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUMP QUALIFIED Applicants OR Those Who Have Served in Combat with or Attached to One of the Following:

3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

505th Regimental Combat Team
505th Airborne Infantry Regiment
Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
508 Regimental Combat Team

PANTHER ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership	\$15.05
Lifetime Membership	\$75.05

Name _____ D.O.B. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Home Of Record _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Unit assigned to _____ From _____ To _____

Rank/Grade _____

DD214 _____ Jump School _____ Location _____ Year _____ Company _____

Currently a member of (check those that apply):

505th RCT Association _____	505th Chapter of the 82nd Association _____
Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association _____	555th Parachute Infantry Association _____
None of the above _____	

Type of Membership: _____(Lifetime) _____(Annual)

Make checks/Money order payable to Panther Association and mail to:

Panther Association, Inc. – 2400 Bailey's Crossroads Road, Coats, NC 27521-8920

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their form DD214 to accompany their application.



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
IBM Employee Services Campaign	Donation	\$5.00
James Redd	In Memory of awn Michelle Hutson	\$91.65
The Blackbaud Giving Fund Duke Energy	Donation	\$20.00
The Blackbaud Giving Fund Crowe	Donation	\$250.00
J Campbellof American Express	Donation	\$375.00
IBM Employee Services Center	Donation	\$5.00
Frontstream	Donation	\$48.00
Frontstream	Donation	\$57.00
The Blackband Giving Fund	Donation	\$20.00
IBM Employee Services Center	Donation	\$5.00
Matthew Fogarty	Donation	\$90.00
82nd Airborne Division Association	Donation	\$10.00
IBM Employee Services Center	Donation	\$5.00
Network for Good	Donation	\$199.87
Givinga Foundation, Inc	Donation	\$1.00
David, Alaluf Sharon Blackman		\$10.00
Juan Diaz		\$25.00

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: _____

If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members: Gary Rezabek, President (garyrezabek@yahoo.com), Sue Federinko, Vice President (sfederinko82@gmail.com); Maggie Peppers, Secretary (peppers@82ndairborneassociation.org), Allen Schoppe, Treasurer.

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 as listed above.

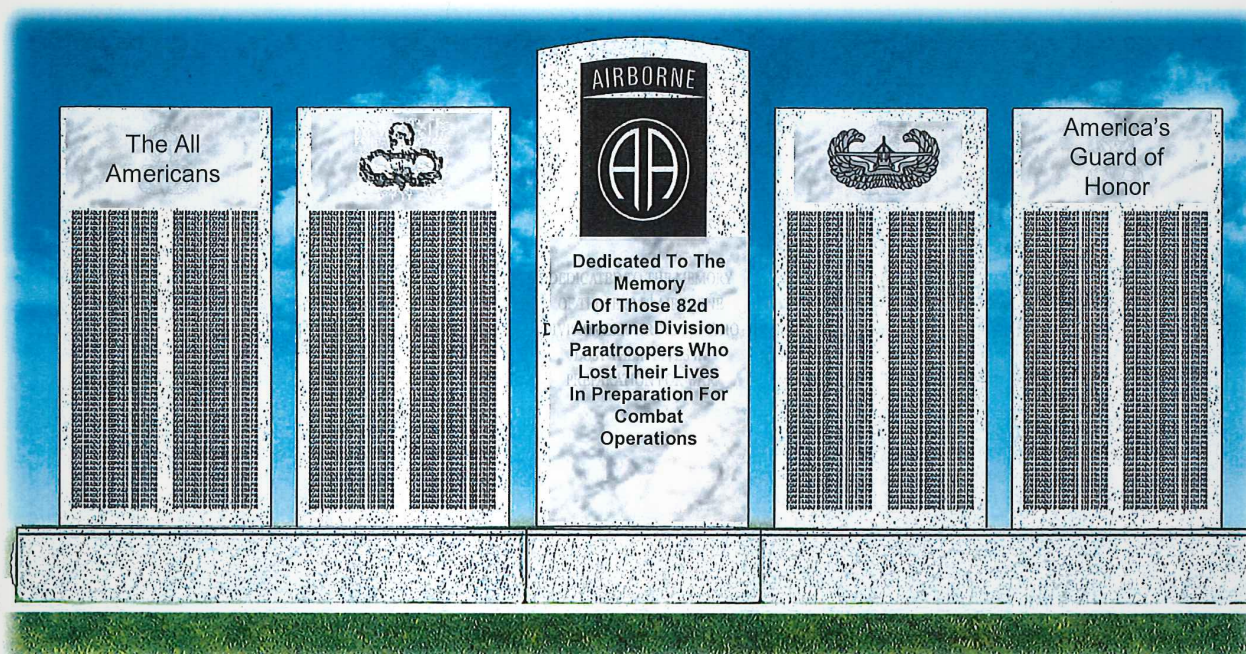
Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872



“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.
Those making a donation of \$82 or more will receive a certificate from the Memorial Association**

Use the form below and mail your donation to:

82d Airborne Division Memorial Association, P.O. Box 43359, Fayetteville, NC 28309-3359

Name _____		Phone _____
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
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.

ADAMS

Floyd Adams, an All American member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, passed away 13 September 2021. He served with 2-501 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1960 to 1961.

BRUNDAGE

Lewis Brundage, an All American member of the Walter E. Hughes/Tri-State/Mid-Hudson Chapter, passed away 9 February 2019. He served with L/2-505 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1952 to 1954. He is survived by his spouse, Carol, one daughter and two sons.

CONDLIN

Bernard Condlin, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 23 June 2018. He served with HHB/319 AFAR and 321 AFAR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1947 to 1968. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Lois, and three daughters.

COURT

Dominic Court, a member of the Mid-Michigan Chapter, passed away 14 December 2021. He served with G/2-178 PIR, 11th Airborne Division from 1944 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse,

Barbara.

CROWLEY, JR.

James Crowley, Jr., an All American member of the John Towle - Cleveland Chapter, passed away 21 November 2021. He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1946 to 1949. He is survived by four daughters and two sons.

DALTON

Henry Dalton, a member of the Lew Millett Medal of Honor Memorial Chapter, passed away 28 February 2018. He served with H/505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division and 188 PIR, 11th Airborne Division from 1954 to 1957.

DEMAS, SR.

George Demas, Sr., an All American member of the Donald Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapter, passed away. He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1942 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by one son.

DUNHAM

James Dunham, a member of the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, passed away 24 July 2021. He served with 187 PIR, 101st Airborne Division, 509th, and 2/504th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1956 and 1968. He is survived by one son and

one daughter.

EAFORD, JR.

Youther Eaford, Jr., an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 22 April 2020. He served with 82nd MP Company from 1963 to 1986. He is survived by his spouse, Verdell, two daughters and one son.

EDWARDS, JR.

Joseph Edwards, Jr., an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 16 June 2018. He served with HHB/DIVARY, 82nd Airborne Division from 1948 to 1970. He is survived by his spouse, Doris, two daughters and two sons.

HAPKE

Milton Hapke, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 2 March 2019. He served with 782 MAINT BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1946 to 1947. He is survived by two daughters.

HOLCOMB

Gilbert Holcomb, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 26 September 2021. He served with B/2-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1964 to 1966. He is survived by his spouse, Ruth, one daughter and two sons.

JONES

Robert Jones, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away, 14 April 2013. He served with 2-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division and 5 & 7 SFG-A from 1968 to 1987. He is survived by his spouse, Lynn, one daughter and two sons.

KALIVAS

John Kalivas, an All American member of the Chicago Chapter, passed away 5 August 2021. He served with HHB/XVIII Airborne Corps, A/B ARTY from 1952 to 1954. He was a veteran on the Korean War. He is survived by his spouse, Anna, and one daughter.

LATHAM

Harold Latham, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 1 March 2018. He served with 504 PIR, 325 AIR and 508 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division, and 11th Airborne Division. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his spouse, Dottie, and two children.

LEONARD

Charles Leonard, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away. He served with A/98 AFAR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1953 to 1956.



LINDSEY

Thomas Lindsey, a member of the Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter, passed away 7 September 2021. He served with 325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1950 to 1952. He is survived by his spouse, Sue, and six children.

LIPICH

Daniel Lipich, a Chapter member of the Association and an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 27 April 2018. He served with H/3-507 PIR from 1940 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse, Ruth, and one son.

MASCUCH

Richard Mascuch, an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 31 July 2010. He served with 551st PIR from 1941 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse Olga, one daughter, and one son.

MEEHAN

Michael Meehan, a member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 24 September 2019. He served with C/511 PIR, 11th Airborne Division from 1951 to 1953. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his spouse, Margaret Mary, one daughter, and one son.

MOSLEY

John Mosley, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 27 November 2020. He served

with 182 DMMC, 82nd Airborne Division from 1959 to 1979.

He is survived by his Spouse, Anna, one daughter, and two sons.

NELSON

Melvin E. Nelson, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 30 August 2019. He served with D Btry 3/4th ADA and A Co., 1/508th INF from 1973 to 1982.

NESTER, JR.

Albert Nester, Jr., an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 1 May 2021. He served with C Co., 347 ENG BN (CBT)(ABN) from 1967 to 1968.

NEWHOUSE

R. Donn Newhouse, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 25 April 2017. He served with HSC, 307 ENG BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1949 to 1952. He is survived by one daughter and two sons.

ONTIVEROS, JR.

Thomas Ontiveros, Jr., an All American member of the Texas Lone Star Chapter, passed away 25 August 2021. He served with 82nd Airborne Division and C/1-14th INF, 4th INF DIV from 1968 to 1970. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Paula and one son.

PADOS

William Pados, an All American member of the

Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 23 September 2016. He served with HHC/50 SIG BN, XVIII ABN CORPS in 1957. He is survived by three sons.

PARRY

Richard Parry, an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 21 March 2020. He served with 82nd AVN BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1958 to 1962. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia.

PATRON

Herbert Patron, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away.

PFANNENSTEIN

John Pfannenstein, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 22 October 2019. He served with B/1-17th CAV, B/82nd AVN BDE, A/1-508 PIR, A/1-505, A/2-503 and 173rd ABN BDE, 82nd Airborne Division and 10th Pathfinder PLT/23 PFA from 1969 to 1992. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Mary and one daughter.

RAPP

Joseph Rapp, an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away. He served with 82nd AVN BN, 82nd ABN DIV in 1961.

REED

Donald Reed, an All American member of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter, passed away

12 October 2021. He served with C/5-327 INF and 172nd INF BDE from 1985 to 1988.

RITZ

Jerald Ritz, a member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 6 January 2021. He served with SVC Co., 325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1954 to 1956. He is survived by his spouse, Gail, one daughter and one son.

RUCIENSKI

Joseph Rucinski, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 21 January 2019. He served with HHC/187, 2-5-8 and HHC/504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division in 1955.

SCHAFER

Roger Schaffer, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 12 June 2019. He served with A/307 MED BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1963 to 1983. He is survived by his spouse, Janice and 5 children.

SIMIELE

Joseph Simiele, a member of the Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, passed away 21 October 2018. He served with C/1-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse, Dorothy and two daughters.

SMITH

Marvin Smith, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter,



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passed away 8 March 2019. He served with HHC/3-325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division in 1967. He is survived by his spouse, Joyce, one daughter and one son.

STEVENS, JR.

Jim Stevens, Jr., an All American member of the Hajdak/Mokan – Philadelphia Chapter, passed away 19 September 2019. He served with HMB, 325 AIR and 505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division. In 1958. He is survived by his spouse, Rosemary, one daughter and four sons.

STEVENSON

William Stevenson, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 26 December

2019. He served with C/2-508 PIR < 82nd Airborne Division in 1955.

VENEZIA

Carmen Venezia, an All American member of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter, passed away 4 July 2021. He served with 1-504th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1958 to 1961. He is survived by his spouse, Delores.

WAGNER

David Wagner, an All American member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, passed away 29 August 2021. He served with 1/504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1955 to 1957. He is survived by his

spouse, Kay, two daughters and one son.

WHITE

Jack White, a member of the CSM Ray Verdugo Memorial Chapter San Gabriel, passed away 23 May 2019. He served with A/1-325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1951 to 1955.

He is survived by his spouse, Edna, one daughter and two sons.

WILLARD

William (Ray) Willard, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 24 March 2021. He served with 508 PIR, 504 PIR and A/2-325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1957 to 1980. He

was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by one daughter.

WILT

Cecil Wilt, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 11 May 2019.

ZIELINSKI

Eugene Zielinski, an All American member of the North Jersey Chapter, passed away 17 March 2020. He served with 426 SPT GP, 101 Airborne Division and 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division in 1956. He is survived by his spouse, Donna, three daughters, and one son.





Past President Byron Ben Beekman

Ben Beekman, a Life member of the GEN M.B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away surrounded by family 19 November 2021 at the age of 85. In 1955, he enlisted in the Army and served in several Airborne Units, including the 82nd Airborne Division. After leaving the Army, he had a 37 year career with Conrail Railroad and then retired from the Greene County Veteran Services after working there for over 15 years. He was also a former Mason

Ben served as National President of the 82nd Airborne Division Association in 2000 and 2001. In addition, he was a very active member of his Chapter, serving in the Color Guard for many events.



He was an honorable man of great integrity, pride for his country, love and dedication for his family and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Ben loved his family and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Carolyn, who preceded him. He is survived by his sons, Buster and Robert, and his daughter, Becky





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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.

2016-2021 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 week-end 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 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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