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Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all the members of our great Association,

According to the latest news, our nation is finally emerging from the COVID pandemic and life is getting back to the “new” normal. I just wanted to take a moment and thank all the Chapters that made an effort to check on our homebound members during the pandemic.

Sue and I had the pleasure of attending the All- Airborne Kentucky Reunion held in Lexington. The Kentucky Airborne Chapter always puts on a first-class event and this year was no exception. Special thanks to Joe & Willie Steen, Bill & Stacy Waller and all of the Chapter members. It was nice to be able to visit with old friends and make new friends. We then attended the Gold Star luncheon hosted by the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter. The luncheon was very well attended. Special thanks to Henry Thorpe, Brandon Zylstra, Brian Severino and Tony Marshall.



STEVEN COPENIG

From Tampa, our travels took us to Orlando so that we could finalize the coordination for the upcoming 76th National Convention (10th –13th August). The hotel staff was very accommodating and we are going to have a Convention that will be remembered for years to come. Mr. Rosen and his staff roll out the red carpet for us and we are very thankful for their hospitality. I hope you will consider attending.

All American week has been rescheduled to September 26-29, 2022. The Division has many activities planned for us and it will be good to be in the “Center of the Universe” for a few days. I urge you to come and meet our active-duty troopers, our members are our best recruiters.

On a final note, I would like to recognize the General Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter, especially the leadership – Tim Wall and Rock Schmidt. This Chapter is doing all the right things and recently launched a Scholarship fund to benefit our members. If you are wondering or curious as to how some Chapters are thriving and growing in these challenging times, it is by being active in the community and giving back.

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

AIRBORNE!

Steven Copenig, National President

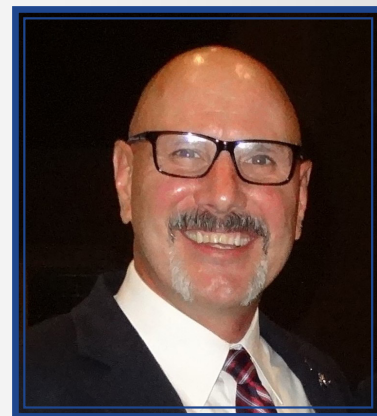


# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Association Members,

I congratulate the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association for being selected as the 82nd Airborne Division Association Chapter of Honor for 2021. The Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter has been doing amazing things in their community for years and the Association is honored to recognize all of their achievements by naming them our Chapter of Honor for 2021. Please look over the article in the paraglide to see just some of the awesome achievements of this Chapter. Thank you for all you do.



BILL BAUER

We do regret that the All American Week event for 2022 has been postponed until later this year, and understand that it creates numerous issues for Members who were registered to attend in May, but our 82nd Airborne Division has once again answered our Nation's 911 call and quickly deployed to support our NATO Allies. We are proud of their ability to respond when needed and will always give them our full support as they defend our Nation and our Allies.

Our 76th Annual Convention is a go and we are making some outstanding progress on planning more events for this year and we are confident that our Members will have an awesome time with us in Orlando. Our 82nd Airborne Division will be conducting a training jump into Florida and we hope to have some other surprise events to increase the awesomeness of our annual Convention. If you have not already seen it, please visit our Convention event site and see our "Visit Orlando" page at: 82nd Airborne Division Association ([orlandomeeting.com](http://orlandomeeting.com)). You will find an amazing amount of links to discount event tickets, restaurants offering discounts for our registered Members, and also stores that will offer discounts to our Members. You don't want to miss this year's Convention. It will be a great time for all, and we look forward to seeing everyone again.

Our Association is working hard to increase our ability of providing support for the Family members. With this in mind, we have been fortunate to receive funding that can offer scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers and Troopers with Disability rating from the Veterans Administration. For more information contact the Association at (910)223-1182.

We hope everyone has a great spring season, and gets to enjoy some time with Family. Please take time on Memorial Day to remember our Fallen Heroes and their Families, and their sacrifices. We are forever in their debt and will Never Forget their enormous contribution to our Nation.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

Bill Bauer, Executive Director

## 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

All American Week .....Page 38  
Fayetteville, NC September 26-29, 2022  
Bill Bauer

National Convention .....Page 40  
Orlando, FL August 10-13, 2022  
Bill Bauer

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



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Message Us on Facebook: <http://m.me/82ndAssociation>





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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter**

Presents

*"Airborne Spring  
Break Luncheon"*

For the

*"Gold Star Families"*



Steve Copening National President 82nd Airborne Division Association

Steve Copening entered service in 1977. Served in 1/325, 1/509th July 3rd Armored Division Germany. 2nd Armored Division - Ft Hood. 1504 PIR with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and as instructor at Advanced Airborne School. He participated in Operation - Golden Pheasant (Honduras) Operation Just Cause (Panama) and Desert Storm/Shield (Gulf War). Bronze Star, MS, Army Commendations (5), Combat Infantry Badge and is Master Jumpmaster with a gold star indicating a combat jump in to Panama.

We want to give a Special Recognition for the American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Riders, for their support to today Gold Star Luncheon. They gracefully cooked and provide today's lunch. We want to thank them for their support and dedication to ensure that everyone was properly taken care of.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER





## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Educational Fund's Steering committee met November 11th in Alexandria, VA during the Veteran's Day activities to review scholarship applications. The committee awarded 39 scholarships totaling \$39,000 awarded.



Chelsea Watts, the daughter of Daniel Sanchez, attends New York University.



Allison Hunt, the daughter of Dieter Hunt, attends Minerva University



Sebastian Voisin, the son of Thomas Voisin, attends Louisiana Tech University



Matthew Williams, the son of James Williams, attends Johnson University



Cheyenne Bateman, the daughter of Stephen Bateman, attends the University of Northern Colorado



Madeline Nguyen, daughter of Jill Nguyen, attends The University of California at San Diego



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kevin Arellano, son of Guido Arellano, attends The University of Texas at Austin



Robert Hixson, son of Robert Hixson, attends Southwestern Illinois College



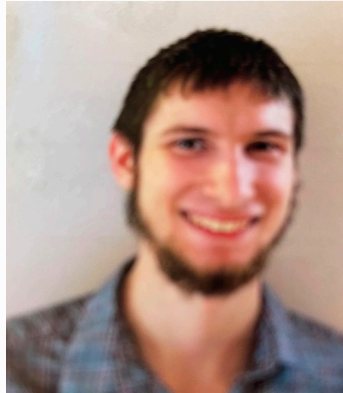
Olivia Rogers, daughter of Jeremiah Rogers, attends Rutgers University



Olivia Menapace, daughter of Michael Menapace, attends Old Dominion University



Rebecca Laire, daughter of Steven Laire, attends Dawson Community College



Adam Dritschel, son of Robert Dritschel, attends Virginia Polytechnic Institute



Hallie Gooch, daughter of John Gooch, attends North Carolina State University

THERE ARE NO SECRETS TO  
SUCCESS. IT IS THE RESULT  
OF PREPARATION, HARD  
WORK, LEARNING FROM  
FAILURE.

COLIN POWELL

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Shannon Jackson,  
daughter of Shannon  
Jackson, attends Old  
Dominion University



Madison Lastoria,  
daughter of Mark Las-  
toria, attends University  
of North Carolina at  
Charlotte



Colby Blackwell, son of  
William Blackwell, at-  
tends University of North  
Carolina at Wilmington



Mary McFadyen, daugh-  
ter of Thomas Mc-  
Fadyen, attends North  
Carolina State University



Jessica Burroughs,  
daughter of Jeffery Bur-  
roughs, attends Univer-  
sity of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill



Logan Vogelsong, son  
of William Vogelsong,  
attends Penn State  
University



Peyton Briggs, daughter  
of Jeffery Briggs, attends  
North Carolina State  
University



Maya Johnson, daugh-  
ter of Garrett Johnson,  
attends North Carolina  
Agricultural and Techni-  
cal State University



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Annaliese Marcum,  
daughter of Larry Mar-  
cum, attends Indiana  
University



Cassidy Hertzendorf,  
daughter of Michael  
Hertzendorf, attends  
Franklin and Marshall  
College



Samantha Connolly,  
daughter of David  
Connolly, attends East  
Carolina University



Talina Perez, daugh-  
ter of Roberto Perez,  
attends Appalachian  
State University

### DEPENDENT JUNIORS



Abygayle Leggett,  
daughter of Cecil Leg-  
gett, attends East Caroli-  
na University



Anna Cheh, daughter  
of Danny Anderson,  
attends The University of  
Georgia



Morgan Werner, daugh-  
ter of Marc Werner,  
attends Butler University

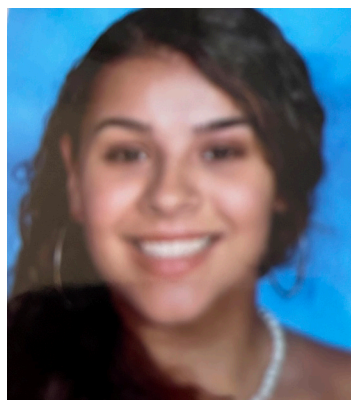


Christian Brashears,  
son of Jason Brashears,  
attends Arkansas State  
University

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Emily Woodall, daughter of Brian Woodall, attends University of Tennessee



Isabella Salazar, daughter of Michael Salazar, attends University of North Carolina at Charlotte



Clara Blair, daughter of Harold Blair, attends University of Missouri at Kansas City



Emma Johnson, daughter of Michael Johnson, attends University of Alabama at Birmingham



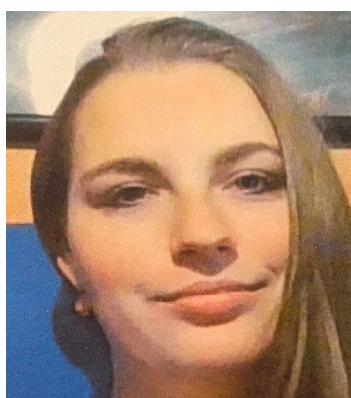
Sarah Purdy, daughter of Mark Purdy, attends The Ohio State University



Lindsey Wood, daughter of Gene Wood, attends Purdue University



Kevin Petersen, Former Trooper, attends Columbia University



Kristina Livingston, daughter of Gregory Livingston, attends Colorado Mesa University



## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Megan Crone, daughter of Ernest Crone, attends Christopher Newport University



Regina Hockert, daughter of Chris Hockert, attends California Polytechnic State University

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

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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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html)

## 2021 CHAPTER OF HONOR

In this Spring 2022 issue of the Paraglide, we are highlighting the activities and accomplishments of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter for the outstanding Airborne spirit within their Chapter and the spirit they spread throughout their community. The Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter is an inspiration to the community and our Nation! The Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter has tirelessly worked to assist the National Association, create and operate numerous projects that benefit our Association Members, Troopers and Gold Star Families, and spread the Spirit of the Airborne in their community.

The Chapter has numerous fundraising opportunities and functions that enable them to provide support to numerous projects and programs, even though the pandemic put many of those programs on hold. One of the Chapter's most successful and beneficial programs is their annual "Airborne Spring Break" where the Chapter brings 2 Troopers to Tampa for a week-long excursion where they are treated to numerous activities. The mission of this program is to ensure the connectivity of veterans and active duty Troopers. To say this program is a hit, it an understatement. The Chapter is also a big supporter of Gold Star Families and treats them to The Gold Star Family Luncheon held in their honor. Additionally, they also support our Troopers and Families by contributing to our Holiday Troop Support Program.

The chapter had equally exciting plans for 2022, including running the hospitality room at our Annual Convention in August, together with the Jacksonville All Airborne Chapter, and we look forward to seeing what they are up to in future editions of the Paraglide. Great thanks to the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Thank you for what you do for the Association and the Airborne community! Airborne!







## **The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial**

Washington D.C.

[www.ndswm.org](http://www.ndswm.org)

### **The Liberation of Kuwait**

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

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

### **The Memorial**

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

### **Memorial Timeline**

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

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

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

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

### **Location**

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

### **Financial Position**

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

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

**NATIONAL  
DESERT STORM  
AND  
DESERT SHIELD  
MEMORIAL**





# 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.

## CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

ALL THE WAY, everyone from Central Ohio. We missed a couple of articles and we hope Winter is winding down in your area and you are all safe and sound.

We had an excellent turnout for our annual Christmas Party and meeting in December. We collected items for the MASH pantry and decided to donate \$300 to Motts Military Museum as our 2021 Charity selection. The Chapter held Officer Elections and there were a few changes: Steve Holcomb is Chairman and Secretary, Andrew Ritter is Vice Chairman, Don Funk is Treasurer, and Henry Warr is Chaplain.

A few members attended the Kentucky Airborne Reunion in Lexington. It was a great several days with lots of good food, various beverages, raffles, auctions, laughter and tall tales. The Kentucky Chapter knows how to throw a party! We are getting ready to kick off our first meeting of the year in April and looking forward to a good turnout. Our April meeting is usually one of the most attended events of the year.

Until next time, AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!



Ed Powell, Cynthia Holcomb and Don Funk at the Kentucky Airborne Reunion banquet.



## CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter members and family at our Christmas Party.

### PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

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

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## GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA ALL AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER

The GEN Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter is entering 2022 with a bang. We've recently completed a chapter wide Health & Welfare telephone campaign, during which chapter leaders reached out individually to our members to ensure they and their families were healthy, swap stories and catch up in general. As a nationwide chapter that includes all airborne signalers, the H&W campaign is incredibly important to keep the chapter connected and relevant.

Soon after the conclusion of the H&W calls, the chapter held its first ever scholarship awards. Chapter members donated funds for the awards, with the scholarship committee determining the winning applications. The inaugural recipients are Colin Smith, sponsored by chapter member Steve Smith; Cason Smith sponsored by Chapter member Jeff Condon; Emma Powers, sponsored by chapter member Ben Powers; and Thomas Armes, sponsored by chapter member Paul Fisher.



Thomas Armes



Emma Powers



Colin Smith



Cason Smith



## GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA ALL AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER

Of special note, chapter member Ben Powers had the opportunity to participate in an archeological dig on the battlefield at Saratoga National Park in New York last September. He went as part of the American Veterans Archeological Recovery project (AVAR). AVAR's mission is to "conduct expert archaeological fieldwork worldwide by combining the drive and precision of military veterans with academic training and supervision." AVAR was founded by veterans for veterans and conducts projects world-wide. The project Ben was on included metal detecting on the site of the Second Battle of Saratoga with supervision and training provided by the Northeast Region Archeology Program.



Chapter Member Ben Powers at Saratoga, September 2021

The Chapter is looking forward to the rest of the year, plans are in the works for All American Week and the annual convention in August. The Signal Chapter continues to grow, and we look forward to getting together with fellow troopers in person once more!

## GREATER NIAGARA CHAPTER

Well, I thought it was just about over. That is, until I woke up this morning and was greeted with about 4 inches of the white stuff. Glad I didn't put the snow blower back in the shed.

Oh well, that should do it for the snow this year.. Unless we get a St Patrick's Day surprise storm. That has happened many times in the past. Things have been slow up here for the most part. We are beginning to talk about and plan for our spring/summer activities.

Parade's, Chapter picnic, All American Week and our National Convention. Thinking the Convention will be well attended this year because Orlando is a very attractive location. However, the deployments of our troops may cause cancelation of some of these events.

In fact, things could get really bad if the Russia/Ukraine situation spreads into our NATO allies territories. I am sure that all of us are concerned about the well being of our deployed Troopers. We are sure to keep them in our thoughts as this dangerous situation continues to play out.

Until next time, enjoy the upcoming warm Spring weather.



# GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER

Welcome Spring 2022! For those of us in Florida, we didn't have the cold and harsh winters like other parts of the U.S., and with the lifting of some COVID restrictions, members of the Greater Daytona All-Airborne Chapter are beginning to enjoy a return to better days. Spring also brings numerous outdoor events to the Daytona area. In February, the first NASCAR race takes place – spectacular is the fly over by the Thunderbirds during opening ceremonies as everyone stands and salutes. And during the first week of March, the “roar” of motorcycles for Bike Week can be heard throughout Volusia County. Yes, Sir, Spring is a welcome event here in Daytona.

At our January meeting, member Mark Clarke gave us a summary of his book, *Columbia: Those who served honorably*. The book centers around soldiers from Columbia County, NY who served in Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and the Gulf War. Among those who served in these wars, Cpl Frank Fratellenico's (502nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division) heroic actions in June 1970 earned him the Medal of Honor. During a firefight, Cpl Fratellenico, realizing that a loose grenade would kill or injure other paratroopers; he absorbed the blast – giving his life to save others. Cpl Fratellenico was 19 years old. Following his presentation, Chairman Randy Johnson and other Chapter members thanked Mark for this account of soldier heroism.

The Chapter was pleased to have Ms. Wendy Mara speak to our members about pertinent legal advice dealing with Health Care and Financial Planning. Ms. Mara is an attorney in the Daytona area and her firm's specialty is helping people navigate the best ways of taking care of themselves and their families as we age. Wendy went on to explain Living Wills, Designation of Health Care Surrogate, Preneed Guardians, Durable Powers of Attorney, Revocable Living Trusts and last wills and Testaments. Wendy's presentation generated questions from members, and several members noted that these subjects needed addressing in their financial and health care planning. Following Ms. Mara's presentation, Chairman Johnson and Vice Chairman Word presented her with a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for her well presented and meaningful presentation.



The Daytona Chapter 1048 of the Viet Nam Veterans Association (VVA) and Ormond Strong organized a Military & First Responder Appreciation Day in Ormond Beach on 26 February. Our Chapter participated in this event by manning a tent and table as well as displaying a mannequin attired in paratrooper uniform with helmet, camo on face, bayonet in boot, and complete with a Tommy gun (inert of course). This paratrooper brought many comments and questions about life as a





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paratrooper.

At this event, members of local Veteran organizations were honored as recipients for the JJ Martin Leadership Award. JJ Martin was the individual who started the VVA Chapter in Daytona. Candidates for this award were recommended by their organi-



zation's leaders and two of our Chapter members Secretary Earl Tingle and Director Joe DiBlasi were selected for this prestigious award. Port Orange City Councilman Chase Tramont assisted in the presentation of this award to Joe and Earl.

Also in March, the City of South Daytona organized a ceremony at their Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park which included the addition of new play ground equipment. Mayor Bill Hall presided at the ceremony and he thanked our Chapter for the park cleanup that we do each year. This park also is used by local Veterans who find solace in visiting a quiet place along the Halifax River. Pictured here are Mayor Bill Hall, Recreation and Parks Director Amy Zengotita, and Chapter Secretary Earl Tingle.

The Greater Daytona All-Airborne extends best wishes to other members of the Association and safe travels wherever they travel.





## NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

First and foremost, The North Texas Chapter offer's our deepest condolences to the family of another Airborne brother from the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter, LTC(R) Robert "Bob" Chisolm. LTC(R) Chisolm was a Dallas Texas native who served with the 508th PIR seeing action in Normandy, Holland, and Battle of the Bulge. LTC(R) Chisolm also served in Korea and Vietnam leaving him a remarkable service record. Additionally, LTC(R) Chisolm was one of the charter members of the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter.

Our deepest condolences also go out to the Galban Family. Airborne brother Jeronimo Galban Jr. passed away recently leaving behind his wife of 51 years, Alice Jane Galban; son, Gregory Galban; daughter, Barbara Domenzain and husband, Jesse; grandchildren, Benjamin Domenzain, Jeronimo William Galban, Nicholas Domenzain, and Zachary Domenzain; brother, Julian Galban; sisters, Marie Lepage and husband, Phillip, Frances Kassari, Nevada, and Ruthie Leal and husband, Robert; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. Jeronimo served as an Airborne Medic with the 307th Med BN 82nd ABN DIV from 1970-1972. He also had a distinguished 30-year career at Lockheed Martin and was one of the charter members of the North Texas Chapter in 1985. Jeronimo respectively served as chairman and secretary numerous times.

Both troopers genuinely embodied the Airborne spirit by preserving Airborne lineage, history, and comradery as they were trailblazers in forming these chapters of the 82nd Airborne Association. We will never forget their superior devotion and commitment to not only their military service but to the 82nd Airborne Association. Though both troopers have pulled their final slip to a better place, they leave a legacy for all of us to remember, cherish and honor!

CW3(R) Nate Singer was able to drop into the DFW area for a bit and be awarded his appreciation plaque. CW3(R) Singer donated last year's 82nd Airborne themed and custom-made whiskey box which was used for our National Airborne Day Event. Thank you CW3(R) Singer for your selflessness and commitment in keeping the Airborne community strong!

We are proud to announce CSM(R) David Gonzalez who has been selected as the North Texas Chapter Trooper of the Quarter. CSM(R) Gonzalez was one of the charter members of the North Texas Chapter who provides great continuity and leadership to the chapter. CSM(R) Gonzalez notably became the first Command Sergeant Major of the 82d Soldier Support Battalion in 1995 after serving as Command Sergeant Major for the Finance Battalion of the 82d Airborne Division. He served in the Finance Corps and Personnel Corps for over 23 years. He also served with 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood Texas; 5th Artillery Group in Buren West Germany; VII Corps in Frankfurt West Germany; Berlin Brigade in West Berlin Germany; 8th Army in Korea, and XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg. CSM (R) Gonzales special assignments include SOCOM from 1986 to 1991. Information on our annual picnic "Operation Fish Camp" will be sent out in the near future. Yee haw and Airborne All The Way!



North Texas Chapter members rendering a salute at Jeronimo Galban Jr's service.



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In loving memory of Jeronimo Galban Jr.



CW3(R) Singer receiving his plaque of appreciation from the North Texas Chapter.



CSM(R) David Gonzales, North Texas Chapter Trooper of the Quarter.

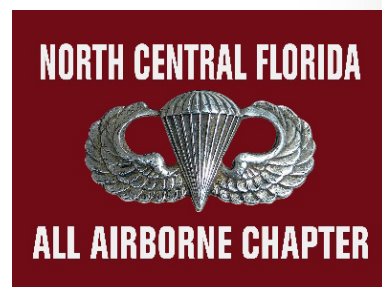


# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The NCFAA Chapter participated in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebrations in The Villages, Florida, Mar 17, 2022. Pictured left to right are the golf cart drivers, Rich Becker, Frank Dochniak, Fran Dolan, Rich Troop, Tony Alger and Mark Meyer.



We are getting lined up for the parade in the next picture. The third picture is the Chairman's golf cart and as you can see it's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Strong! As we entered the route of the parade, you could hear chants of Airborne! and All the Way! echoing through the parade area. Below, an honorary member of our Chapter, Gary Garipey owns this Armored Personnel Carrier (Tank golf cart) with our maroon Chapter Logo on the lower right side of the vehicle. It was featured in the local paper a few days ago. It's nice to get our Chapter Name out there. Airborne!





# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

SWAAC has started off its 2022 Fund Raising Season with a bang! We held our (once again) annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on 11 March. We were wondering how it was going to work out as the last one (2021) was right on the forefront of the COVID lock downs and we were moving into a new location (The Parkway Chateau). That dance was still well attended and we were forced to use it as an example to plan for the 2022 event.

As such, we didn't get as much room for the tables and due to the rising cost of everything, cut out the Corned Beef and Cabbage on the Menu sticking with Bratwurst and Italian Beef to offer those that wanted to eat before or during the dance. We were also skeptical as to the turn out since the weekend was going to be cold and windy!

All of our concerns were put to bed rather quickly as we arrived to set up and already found people waiting to buy tickets! We had to put everything on hold so that we could sell tickets. As more chapter members arrived, we were able to get the raffle prizes and tickets for the 50/50 deployed so we could start selling them as well! As it turned out, we had so many people that we had to get more tables out to handle them all and unfortunately it cut into the space on the dance floor!

We were fortunate as once again local businesses donated gift cards and baskets filled with offerings from their shops. As always, the Green Bay Packer Foundation came through with a newly designed signature ball. The mom of Lance Corporal Finley (wounded last August) and her husband volunteered to help sell the General Raffle tickets. They have already signed on to help out at the Car Show later this year. The Chevells donated their time and talent to provide us with music from the late 50's- 70's. Always a pleasure to listen and of course to dance.

Master Chief Raina Hockenberry took leave and flew in from San Diego to join us. We did a dollar dance for her which brought out a lot of guys to the dance floor.. When she first attended one of our dances, she was in a wheel chair as the specialists at Walter Reed tried to save her leg. Not being able to do that, they developed a special prosthesis which allows her to continue her career in the US Navy and also to dance! In the span of two songs, she raised \$127.00 for the cause. She enjoyed herself so much that she is planning to attend our Annual Pig Roast in August!

As always we had a dance contest and a "Best Dressed" for the occasion. While we had to go through several couples to find the best in dance, however there was only one real contender for the best dressed. A Leprechaun appeared (without his pot of gold!) and all the other contenders agreed that he deserved the honors and the prize.

Plans have already been made and approval granted by the local government officials to hold our next two fund raiser: the Pig Roast and the Car Show in September! If you're in the area, stop in and enjoy!





# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER





# TAMPA BAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Our Chapter was happy to once again continue to have our annual "Airborne Spring Break". It was put on the shelf for the last 2 years due to the pandemic that affected everyone. Now that things are starting to get back to normal, it was time to restart this annual event. This was an exciting time for all the Chapter members in planning and preparing for this event. The members of the chapter are always anticipating what unit will be selected to send young troopers to participate in the Airborne Spring Break.

This year we had the honor to have 2 troopers assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Battalion 501st PIR, "Geronimo!". SGT Gunner Parson and SGT Payton Hutcheson were selected to come down to Tampa to enjoy the Tampa Bay Chapters hospitality and comradeship with the veterans of the chapter.

During their stay, they were able to enjoy some of the things that make the Tampa Bay area a great place to visit. This also gave many of the veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division the opportunity to reconnect and share their stories with these young troopers.

The mission of the Airborne Spring Break is to ensure the connectivity of those who have served and supporting those who are now serving today. It is the continuation of sharing the Airborne spirit that we all share. Throughout their time here, these troopers are spending time with veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division and connecting with other veterans



of the American Legion. Their interaction with the numerous veterans that have served our nation from WWII to the present conflicts. Have everyone be able to share their stories and enjoy the company of each other. The troopers stayed in their own private cottage, which was provided by Kelly Kowall from My Warriors Place. She is a "Gold Star" mother of fallen 82nd trooper, Cory Kowall. She has been hosting these troopers and providing them a wonderful place to stay during their time here in Tampa during the Airborne Spring Break.



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During this week, the troopers participated in several activities with the veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division Association and the local veterans within the Tampa Bay community. During their stay, they experienced the clear waters at Crystal River



during a canoe trip and seeing Manatees, Jesse Siemanis, Brian Severino and a few veterans for the American Legion. The troops and Chapter veterans were able to spend a day fishing out in Tampa Bay, where they were able to bring in a few Spanish Mackerel, and a lot of sun. Hector Rivera brought out some special weapons, when he set up and sponsored a range day. Hector, along with Tony Marshall, ensured the troops were able to have a little fun, and get to shoot some unique weapons, including an Israeli Desert Eagle, .50 Cal. hand cannon. Um, that's a BIG BOOM!

These were some of the events and activities that both SGT's Hutcheson and Parson were able to enjoy during their week long trip to Florida. Sgt. Parson, being in Tampa at the time, was also able to attend his Uncle's, US

Army Retirement Ceremony at MacDill AFB. Pure happenstance that both would be in the area at the same time! We were all just so glad he was able to attend!

The week came to a close on Saturday, with our annual Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter, "Gold Star Family Luncheon". This year the American Legion Post 152 was so gracious to allow us to host this event in their hall. We want to thank both the American Legion Post 152 Legion Auxiliary and Ryders for their support in this event, they donated all the food and served everyone.

The Gold Star luncheon that we host is to ensure that we remember our fallen Brother's from all military branches and their families are assured that they will not be forgotten for their sacrifice. This is our 5th year in having this event and the first time in 2 years since the start of the pandemic, we have been able to continue this event. Being able to restart this tribute for the Gold Star Families is one of our missions to ensure that they know their family members will always be remembered.

We look forward to this gathering as we conclude our Airborne Spring Break. This is where we take the time to honor the local Gold Star families in Central Florida and





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Tampa Bay by inviting them to luncheon so we can show their families members sacrifice is recognized and honored. Having our young paratroopers involved shows that their continued service is appreciated and recognized. These Gold Star families are so appreciative seeing these young troopers, that it reminds them of their own family members.

This year we had one of our own chapter members as our guest speaker, as CSM(R) Brian Severino. He's recently retired and joined our chapter, and it was fitting that he should be the guest speaker. His remarks were so heartfelt that there wasn't a dry eye in the hall. We were also honored to have Steve Copenig and Bill Bauer to be able to join us at this year's event. I want to thank our association's leadership for their support and taking the time to come participate in our chapter "Airborne Spring Break" Gold Star Luncheon in helping our Gold Star families know that their family members will never be forgotten.

We will be very active as will be representing the 82nd Airborne Association, and recognizing you JROTC Cadets throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk counties. This is one of the fun times that we get to directly meet with these young Cadets, as they seek their opportunities as Soldiers, Airman, Marines, Seaman and Space Force of the future as they decide how they want to continue to participate in the military. Either by joining directly after High School or to continue on their journey in college ROTC programs. More stories will come in the next Tampa Bay Chapter Update. AATW



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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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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  
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# ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2022

## September 26 - 29, 2022

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

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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.

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

After 7 September 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>

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The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 29 September, at the Iron Mike Conference Center.

The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 26 September 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, 28 September 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.



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All American Week 2022 Coin

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





# ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2022 REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 29-29, 2022



**\$125 Per Person Registration Fee, includes:**

The Association Dinner Social (Coat and Tie Event) will be held on Thursday, 29 September at the Iron Mike Conference Center. The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic will be held on Monday, 26 September at the Fayetteville Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Picnic) and the Fayetteville Chapter Southern BBQ Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 28 September 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 September 2022!**

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# 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 76TH NATIONAL CONVENTION August 10-13, 2022 Orlando, Florida

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The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us in Orlando, FL for the Association's 76<sup>th</sup> 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:

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association  
PO Box 87482  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

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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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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&currency=USD&depart=2022-08-14&group=GRP_%2082nd%20Airborne&hotel=69869&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1&themecode=ORLRH)

[08-09&chain=10237&child=0&config=ORLRH&currency=USD&depart=2022-08-14&group=GRP\\_%2082nd%20Airborne&hotel=69869&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1&themecode=ORLRH](https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2022-08-09&chain=10237&child=0&config=ORLRH&currency=USD&depart=2022-08-14&group=GRP_%2082nd%20Airborne&hotel=69869&level=hotel&locale=en-US&rooms=1&themecode=ORLRH)

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!





82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
76<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN Division Association) or online at:

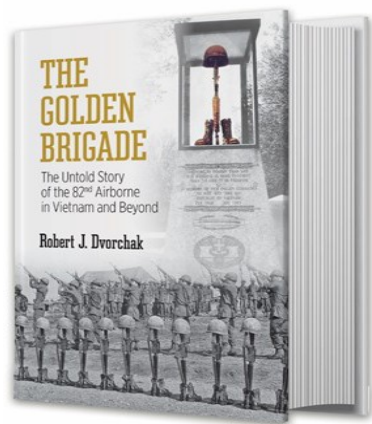
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**2022 Convention Challenge  
Coin - \$16 each**

**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 76<sup>th</sup> National Convention!



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**Robert J. Dvorchak, 178 Jade Drive, Verona, PA 15147    412-793-5068**  
**Bdvorchak@msn.com.**      (call over 5 books)

**Questions: Golden Brigade Chapter 804-338-8222**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



## 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!

## 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
Lone Star Chapter	Burt Heddles	100.00
IBM		57.20
82nd Airborne Association		250.00
IBM		57.20
Ben Vandervoort Chapter	David Haynes	50.00
Ben Vandervoort Chapter	Michael Stutton	50.00
Leyman Foundation	John E. McHenry Jr.	1,000.00
Philip Matthews		\$ 20.00
Luis Claudio-Roldan		\$ 25.00
Steven Whittaker		\$ 25.00
South Florida All Airborne Chapter	In memory of Jose Luis Ortiz	\$ 25.00
Kathleen Schaner	In memory of James Milden	\$ 50.00
Cindy Boslet		\$ 50.00
Esworth Charles		\$ 50.00
James Shelton		\$ 50.00
Robert Buffington	In memory of Jose Luis Ortiz	\$ 100.00
Daniel Hedman		\$ 100.00
The Winston-Salem Foundation Richard H. and Nola G. Miller Advised Fund		\$ 150.00
Kentucky Airborne Chapter		\$ 2,500.00

## 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html)

Please return completed application  
and payment to:

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association  
PO Box 87482  
Fayetteville, NC 28304



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

Membership Application, payment and update can also be processed online at [www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org)  
under the Membership link.

## 82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (No email address will restrict your access to information.)

Chapter Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate Chapter (active duty only) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

SSN (last four only)/ASN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: \_\_\_\_ Annual Membership (\$35.00) or \_\_\_\_ All American Member \$350.

\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement Annual Membership \_\_\_\_ Transfer Chapter \_\_\_\_ Update Information

\_\_\_\_ Current Member Replacement Card (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_ Replacement Certificate for Current All American Members (\$10.00)

I would like to donate: \_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ other amount

To \_\_\_\_ General Fund to benefit the Association's Programs \_\_\_\_ Education Fund \_\_\_\_ Wounded Warrior Fund

### SERVICE INFORMATION:

Current Status: \_\_\_\_ Retired Military/Veteran \_\_\_\_ Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard \_\_\_\_ Rank

\*\*\*\*Time in Service: Entered Service (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ ETS Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*\*

List AIRBORNE Unit(s) and Combat tours (Most recent first.) Please use the back if more space is needed.

Unit 1 \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Unit 2 \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour/Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour/Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_





**MILITARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/UPDATE FORM**  
**82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*Please print legibly!*

Memberships/Updates can also be processed online at [www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

(last 4 only)

Single ☐  
Widowed ☐  
Married ☐  
Male ☐  
Female ☐

Spouse's  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:secretary@504thpirassociation.org)**

**Association Treasurer - [treasurer@504thpirassociation.org](mailto:treasurer@504thpirassociation.org)**

**Please visit our new website at [www.504thpirassociation.org](http://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
Pledgeling Foundation	Donation	\$23.83
Blackbaud Giving Fund Duke Energy	Donation	\$20.00
Texas Lone Star Chapter	Donation	\$500.00
Frontstream	Donation	\$48.00
Charities Aid Foundation America	Donation	\$4.00
Nationwide Grants	Donation	\$42.00
Network for Good	Donation	\$290.00
Colonel Reuben H. Tucker Chapter	In Memory of Ethel Louise Varelli	\$100.00
IBM Employee Services	Donation	\$17.50
Rita Listert	In Memory of Jackk Dooley	\$22.65
IBM Employee Service Center	Donation	\$300.70
Matthew Fogarty	Donation	\$90.00
My Tribute Gift Foundation	Donation	\$91.65
IBM Employee Charitable Campaign	Donation	\$17.50
Network for Good	Donation	\$25.00
Melvin Albert	Donation	\$500.00
Marie Mehl Tretter	Donation	\$1,040.00
Spencer Durham	Donation	\$500.11
John Ireland	Donation	\$1,000.22
The Benevity Community Impact Fund	Donation	\$185.00
Charities Aid Foundation American	Donation	\$4.00
Ronald Sherrill		\$ 4.71
Thomas Stark		\$ 10.00
Homer Rudd		\$ 10.00
Walter Fraizer		\$ 25.00
Richard Hunkele		\$ 25.00
Jimmy Poyner		\$ 25.00
Alfred Randall		\$ 25.00
Sandra Wallace	In memory of James Milden	\$ 25.00
Constance Fry	In memory of James Milden	\$ 50.00
Casey Young	In memory of Robert hausen	\$ 50.00
Kathleen Schaner	In memory of James Milden	\$ 50.00



# 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

CONTRIBUTOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Bobby Hausen Jr	In memory of Robert W Hausen Sr-In honor of our warrior, hero, father, and grandpa. Happy Heavenly birthday. We love you.	\$ 100.00
Heather Peri	In memory of Robert William Hausen	\$ 100.00
Sean Pilgrim	In honor of Doby Pilgrim	\$ 100.00
Richard Galante		\$ 200.00

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](mailto:garyrezabek@yahoo.com)), Sue Federinko, Vice President ([sfederinko82@gmail.com](mailto:sfederinko82@gmail.com)); Maggie Peppers, Secretary ([peppers@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto: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](mailto:garyrezabek@yahoo.com) 216-310-4872

## 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**

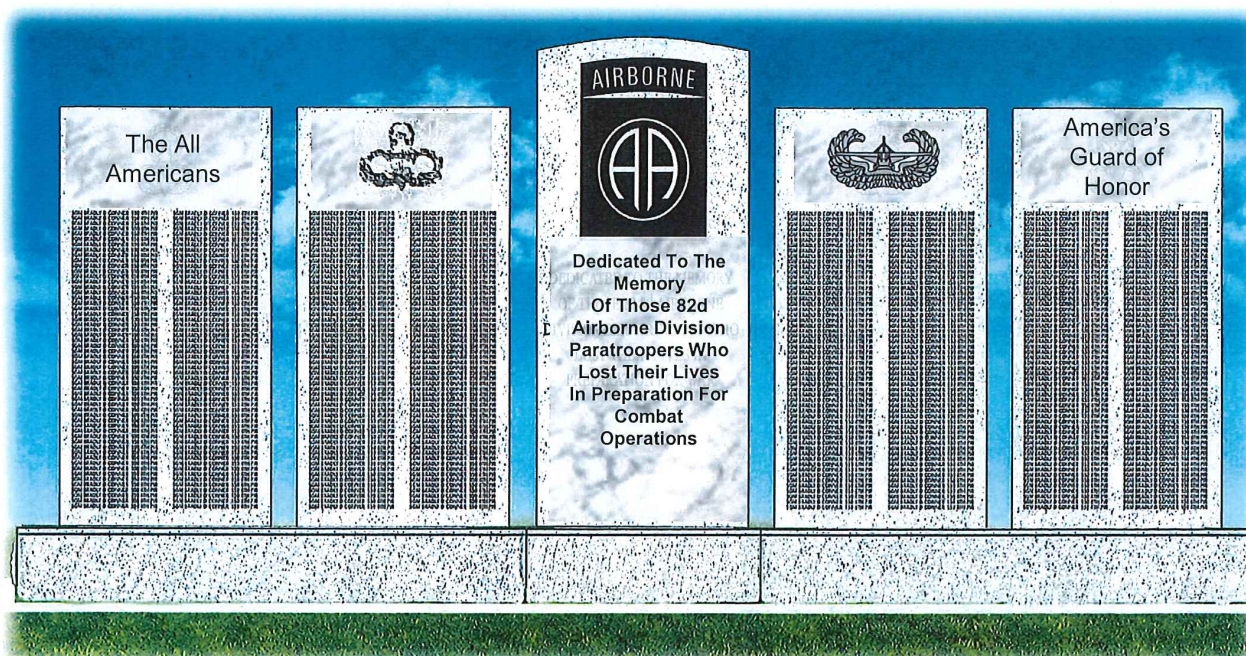
Ads & Artwork must be camera ready.

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

[exccdir@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:exccdir@82ndairborneassociation.org). An invoice will be issued once the ad is approved. ATW!



# **“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**

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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.

## ACHEFF

John Acheff, an All American member of the GEN M.B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 15 July 2020. He served with HHQ/2-505 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1949 to 1952. He is survived by two sons.

## BACON

R. Richmond Bacon, an All American member of the North Central Florida All Airborne Chapter, passed away 30 March 2022. He served with 50 SIG BN, XVIII ABN Corps and 7-5-3-10 SFG-A from 1959 to 1968. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He is survived by his spouse, Diana, one son and one daughter.

## BARKER

James Barker, an All American member of the GEN M.B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 26 August 2022. He served with B/82 SIG BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1961 to 1963. He is survived by his spouse, Betty and three children.

## BEGLEY

Herman Begley, an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 17 April 2017. He served with 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division and 187 ARCT from 1955 to 1957. He is survived by his spouse, Nola,

and two sons.

## BEHRINGER

Gerald Behringer, an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 25 April 2017. He served with 89th FA and 457th FA, 11th ABN from 1951 to 1953. He is survived by his spouse, Beverly, and two sons.

## BENNINGTON

John Bennington, an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 13 December 2016. He served with 82nd MP, SP SVCS, 82nd Airborne Division from 1950 to 1953. He is survived by his spouse, Delores, two daughters and three sons.

## BRIDGE

Robert Bridge, a Charter member of the Association and an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 15 November 2020. He served with B/1-325 GIR from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his spouse, Carol, one son and one daughter.

## BOLINGER

Calvin Bolinger, an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 17 July 2019. He served with I/325 from 1944 to 1945. He was a veteran of World

War II. He is survived by his spouse, Addie Mae, and two sons.

## CHISOLM

Robert Chisolm, a Charter member of the Association and an All American member of the Benavidez-Patterson All Airborne Chapter, passed away 4 January 2022. He served with 505 and 508 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division and 31st INF, 7th Division from 1942 to 1971. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict.

## DAVIDSON

Willard Davidson, an All American member of the GEN M. B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 24 June 2020. He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1950 to 1953. He is survived by one daughter.

## EMENHISER

Edward Emenhiser, an All American member of the GEN M.B. Ridgway Chapter, passed away 20 October 2020. He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division, 1st CAV and XVIII Airborne Corps from 1857 to 1973. He is survived by one daughter.

## FILBERT

James Filbert, an All American member of the GEN M.B. Ridgway Chapter, passed

away 12 May 2020. He served with SVC BTRY, 319 AFAR from 1949 to 1953. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia, two daughters and one son.

## FILLBROOK

Frederick Fillbrook, an All American member of the Evergreen State Chapter, passed away 26 February 2022. He served with Co. B, 1 ABG 325 IN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1955 to 1959. He is survived by his spouse, Nola, and five children.

## GRYGA

Stanley Gryga, an All American member of the Chicago Chapter, passed away 9 October 2021. He served with DIV HHC (G4), 82nd Airborne Division from 1942 to 1945. He was a veteran on World War II. He is survived by two daughters.

## HUNT

Benjamin C. Hunt, an All American at-large member, passed away 1 May 2019. He served with C/325 BSTB in 2008. He was a veteran of Operation New Dawn. He is survived by his spouse Crystal and one son.

## KARSTEN

John Karsten, an All American member of the New Jersey CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away 15

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February 2022. He served with HHB/XVII ABN CORPS ARTY from 1955 to 1956. He is survived by his spouse, Rosemarie and one daughter.

## KOWALCZYK

Dennis Kowalczyk, a member of the John Steele Chapter, passed away 7 July 2021. He was a veteran of the Vietnam

Conflict. He is survived by three children.

## LOWE

Ernest Lowe, an All American at-large member, passed away 13 January 2021. He served with E/1-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1958 to 1961.

## PALLER

John Paller, an All American member of the New Jersey CPL Steven Koch 'All Airborne' Chapter, passed away 31 December 2021. He served with HHC and HHC/2-503 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1959 to 1962. He is survived by one son.

## SPRIGGS

William Spriggs, an All American member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, passed away 26 March 2022. He served with C BTRY, 456 FA BN in 1947. He is survived by one son

*Old Troopers never die,  
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# 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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# OUR PROGRAMS

## INDEPENDENCE@HOME

THE INDEPENDENCE FUND LAUNCHED INDEPENDENCE@HOME, AN EMERGENCY FUNDING PROGRAM TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT CATASTROPHICALLY DISABLED VETERANS, CAREGIVERS AND FAMILIES. WE KNOW THE CHALLENGES THAT CAN ARISE FOR OUR NATION'S SEVERELY WOUNDED, ILL, AND INJURED VETERANS AND WE ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY COSTS FOR MORTGAGE/RENT, UTILITIES, CHILDCARE, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, POST MEDICAL HOUSEHOLD CLEANING AND UPKEEP, GROCERY AND MEDICAL PRODUCT DELIVERY, AND STREAMING SERVICES FOR WORK AND LEARNING.

### MOBILITY

WE PROVIDE ALL-TERRAIN MOBILITY DEVICES SO THAT CATASTROPHICALLY WOUNDED VETERANS CAN REGAIN THE ABILITY TO DO THE THINGS THEY LOVE, TRANSFORMING THEIR LIVES TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE.

### CAREGIVERS

WE SERVE THE CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS OF ALL ERAS BY PROVIDING SMALL GROUP RETREATS AND A BREAK FROM THE STRESSFUL 24/7 ROLE OF MILITARY CAREGIVING THROUGH PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT, RESPITE AND RESTORATIVE AND PAMPERING SERVICES.

### OPERATION RESILIENCY

WE'VE PARTNERED WITH THE VA TO MAKE IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE LIVES AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT VETERAN SUICIDE. WE REUNITE COMBAT UNITS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WARFARE DEATHS AND POST-DEPLOYMENT VETERAN SUICIDE FOR PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT.

### FAMILIES

WE SERVE THE FAMILIES OF VETERANS BY FOCUSING ON ART THERAPY, RESPITE AND COMPREHENSIVE INDIVIDUAL AFTERCARE. WE TAILOR RESOURCES TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEED OF EACH FAMILY.

### ADVOCACY

OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM ASSISTS WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST RIGHT NOW; REFORMING VA HEALTHCARE, ENSURING THE CAREGIVERS OF THE SERIOUSLY DISABLED ARE PROPERLY SUPPORTED, AND ADDRESSING THE LATENT PROBLEMS OF TOXIC EXPOSURE.

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