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AIRBORNE EVENTS

76TH Annual National Convention

August 10-13, 2022

THE ROSEN CENTRE
9840 International Drive,
Orlando, FL 800-204-7234

(Reference 82nd Airborne Div., Assn.)

2022

"A-A" Week

May 23-26, 2022

**Has Been Canceled because of
deployment.**

Reschedule for Sep 26-29 2022

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"2019 INAUGURAL CHAPTER OF HONOR"

PARKING LOT ISSUE PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS!

The Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association, has been cited by the City of El Paso for an Unpaved Parking Lot which is a vital aspect of the Chapter Facility. With all the additional requirements which are being requested by the city to complete the work and comply with code requirements, current estimates are between \$50,000 & \$55,000 to finance the entire project. As a not for profit, Veterans Organization, the unit does not have, nor will they be able to raise, the required funds without the financial support of Members, Associates and Friends of the Airborne. We, therefore, respectfully request donations in any amount to assist with this massive undertaking. Donations are tax deductible with verification available and provided upon request. A GoFundMe Page has been created to accept donations and may be accessed by on the listed LINK.

www.gofundme.com/f/82nd-airborne-chapter-el-paso-tx

May 1, 2022, by Paul Albright, Team Member

Hello Airborne family! The parking lot is coming. The permits have been submitted to the Coty for approval and we have a contractor ready to break ground and start paving. WE ARE \$7,000 SHORT OF OUR GOAL! If you have donated in the past, please consider giving again. We are almost there! We need your help! Airborne!

DONATIONS may also be made via personal or cashier's check with PARKING LOT in MEMO Section.

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Chairman's Corner

CSM (Ret.) Paul E. Albright
Chapter Chairman



This spring has been long and tedious in our work of clean up. We can see everything that we have done to improve our Chapter's image and the look has been fruitful We are still hoping that all turns up well.

I inform our PIO to add some veterans issues in our newsletter. We started out with some Health News that affect all our Military as well as our Veteran. We will try to add more items of concern to our members. If anyone would like to present a forum to discuss issues, please let us know and we will include them in our newsletter or discuss them at the Chapter meetings.

I Hope that all you paratroopers enjoy our little festivities this 5 of May and our Mother's Day meal this 7 of May. Please invite all your friends and family to come and enjoyed at the Chapter's Hall with us.

We have also had a great community effort with our partners from the VFW Post 812. Please enjoy some picture that we have taken of our efforts to improve our Chapter. Also remember our **Parking lot GoFundMe** page. Almost there in reaching our goal.

MAY CALENDAR

Tue	03 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	05 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
	Cinco de Mayo Celebration Free Food until its all gone, Huey Bar will be open
Sat	07 Mother's Day Celebration Free Lunch at 3:00Pm until it is all gone.
Sun	08 May Mother's Day
Tue	10 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	12 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Tue	17 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	19 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Sat	21 0900am Armed Forces Day at Fort Bliss
Tue	24 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	26 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Sat	28 Monthly Chapter Meeting
	11 am E-Board Meeting
	12 pm Lunch Buffet
	1 pm General Meeting
Mon	30 9:00am Concordia Cemetery Memorial Day Event

JUNE CALENDAR

Thu	02 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Mon	06 D Day 1944
Tue	07 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	09 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Tue	14 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
	Flag Day
Tue	14 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	16 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Sun	19 Father's Day/Juneteenth
Tue	21 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
Thu	23 9:00am Coffee Call at Chapter
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

IN APRIL

**DANIEL SANCHEZ, JOSE A. MERCADO,
ROGER GAINS, NOEL COGENT,
DOUGLAS DAVIS, ROBERTO CALDERON**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY

**PLEASE SEND ME SOME INPUTS
THERE WERE NO INPUTS THIS MONTH**

GET WELL SOON!

I know that we have some comrades and family members that are sick and suffering. We will hold them in our prayers and hope for a prompt recovery to **David Lucero**, he is in the hospital battling Leukemia.

***BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY
ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Please help us recognize the birthday and anniversary celebrations of ALL chapter members, honorary, associates, volunteers, and members of their families. Please provide pertinent information on the celebrations to Editor: **Jose A. Mercado** via his personal E-mail: Jose.mercado9713@att.net or cell: (915) 227-5582. Forms to list names and dates of all familial celebrations can also be submitted to the Editor to assist with proper record keeping of all personal celebrations.



**Valencia Estefania
Daughter of our
PIO Jose A. Mercado**

Congratulations AP STEM STAR

On behalf of the National Math & Science Institute and Chapin High School's NMSI Team, we are delighted to inform you that you were nominated by your teacher for one of this year's NMSI STEM Star Awards.

Thank you for your dedication, positive attitude, curiosity, and commitment to your AP content this year. Your AP mathematics, science, computer science or English teacher may have recently informed you of this recognition and told you to be on the lookout for some emails about this financial scholarship award.

We are excited to offer this recognition to you and are thankful for our partnership with NMSI which has helped make this all happen.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us. Again, congratulations and good luck on your upcoming tests.

Thanks again for your time.

Johanna Daniels-Sherman
Chapin CTE Campus Magnet/PTECH Coordinator



May 6, 2022, 9 am - 2 pm

It's time to Fiesta! Join us on May 6 as we express our gratitude to the spouses who are the force behind the force. Enjoy free activities, workshops, prizes & refreshments from 9 am to 2 pm at the Family Resilience Center! Registration is required. Limited to first 200 registrants. This event is adults only. Special thanks to USAA, Webster University and Academy Sports & Outdoors for supporting this event. **Cost Free!** Registration Information: Registration is required due to limited space. Limited to the first 200 registrants. Call 915-569-5500 or register online [HERE](#). [Family Resilience Center \(armymwr.com\)](#) Childcare is not available at this time.

Clean up Crew



Pictures of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Sergeants Major Academy Students participating in our spring clean op event.



Scream Free Marriage begins with calming your own anxiety and focusing on individual self-respect, championing your own personal growth as the key to intimacy. It celebrates the differences between you and your spouse as the foundation for a great marriage.

Open to DoD ID Card Holders. This is a VIRTUAL class, and you must attend all sessions within the month to receive a certificate of training.

July 7, 8, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

August 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29

For more information, call 915-568-9129. Cost FREE
Registration Information

Registration is required and can be done [here](#).

[Family Advocacy Program \(FAP\) \(armymwr.com\)](#)

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Community Partners
Davis-Seamon
VFW
Post 812
2nd Annual
Chunis Rivera Memorial
Huacha Tournament Registration
Saturday 18 June 2022
Registration 9 am – Tournament 11 am

- Early registration every Friday starting at 6 pm through 17 June 21
- Limited to first 32 Teams
- Registration 18 June 9 – 10:30 am
- Opening ceremonies 10:30 am
- Shotgun start at 11 am
- \$40 per team/\$20 per person registration fee

- 2 person teams
- Tournament Rules, Double elimination
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place purse prizes
- 50/50 raffles, local vendors
- Music provided by Marty's Disco
- Only official VFW huachas will be used in tournament

Team Name _____

Player Information _____

Name	Phone	Email	Shirt Size	Paid
1) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

For questions contact
Manny Grado at (915)256-8814 or Tony Lara at (915)526-9451
This is a VFW Post 812 Fundraiser. No refunds.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
DAVIS-SEAMON POST 812
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As Chairman of the Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association CSM (Ret) Paul Albright had the opportunity to Present the Paratrooper Physical Fitness award to the top JROTC High School in El Paso's Ysleta District. This year Hanks HS JROTC Had the top scores.



Pictures of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club "Right Arm" night at the Chapter.

We would like to also give thanks our brothers in arms VFW Davis-Semon Post 812 for their certificate of appreciation that we received from them.



More pictures of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and the Sergeants Major Academy Students participating in our spring cleanup event.



Health News

Saving lives through early cancer detection



News Sections: [Health](#), [Inside Veterans Health](#)

Published On: April 26th, 2022

Maureen Dyman is communications director at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

A new program at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center is aimed at saving Veterans' lives through early cancer detection – and it's working.

Last year, [Houston VA](#) began performing yearly screenings using low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans for Veterans aged 50 to 80 who are at high risk for lung cancer because of their smoking history.

"Since we began our new Lung Cancer Screening Program in May of 2021, we've already identified 12 Veterans with non-small cell lung cancers," said Dr. Stephen Bujarski, Lung Cancer Screening program director. "Fortunately, the majority of these have been found at early stages. Nine of the 12 Veterans were stage 1 cancer, and 2 others were stage 2. The great news is all are receiving treatment and doing well." Army Veteran Lawrence Jamerson was one of those Veterans. "Houston VA scanned my lungs and found the cancer early before it became a real problem," he said. "I can't thank the Lung Cancer Screening Team enough. This could have saved my life."

Lung cancer is the leading cause of U.S. cancer deaths. The goal of the program is to find it early enough to cure it in more people at high risk due to their history of smoking. In those individuals, annual LDCT scans can reduce the risk of death from the cancer by 20 to 25%, large studies have found.

"We are excited to shift the stage of lung cancer at the time of diagnosis to earlier stages and improve our Veterans' survival rates and quality of life," said Lung Cancer Screening navigator Rommel Gonzales.

Lung cancer begins when abnormal cells in the lung grow out of control. Unfortunately, many times lung cancer does not cause symptoms until it has spread to other parts of the body. However, the most common type – non-small cell lung cancer – can sometimes be cured if it is found early enough.

Smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer

"We stress the best way of reducing a Veteran's risk of dying of lung cancer is to quit smoking. If they have already quit, we encourage them to continue to stay smoke free," said Bujarski, who is also an assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine. "Lung cancer screening has proven to be effective in an overall reduced lung cancer mortality. The ultimate goal of our program is to screen all Veterans at risk for lung cancer."

In its first year, Houston VA has already evaluated almost 1,000 Veterans as part of the program. It performed about 600 low-dose CT scans. Next year, those numbers are projected to double.

"We are partnering with our primary care providers to identify potential patients and using alerts in VA's electronic health record," said Lung Cancer Screening navigator Barbara Knugler. "Not only is this a Houston VA push, but part of a broader VA initiative."

If you need help to stop smoking, call 1-855-QUIT VET (1-855-784-8838). For more information about lung cancer screening, talk to your VA health care provider or visit: www.prevention.va.gov/docs/LungCancerScreeningHandout.pdf.

My HealtheVet Secure Messaging improves Veteran health care experience (Audrey Umhoefer, PIO for VA)

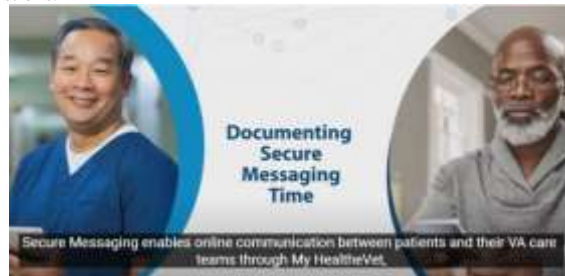
It's no secret that effective communication promotes a better health care experience. Fortunately, VA's Connected Care virtual health technologies, such as [Secure Messaging](#) through My HealtheVet, make it easier for Veterans to communicate with their providers between appointments.

Before this technology, patient interactions with their providers were limited to scheduled appointment times. Thanks to Secure Messaging, providers can now engage with patients 24/7 in a secure, online environment while also minimizing "telephone tag."

Enhances communication

Many VA health providers find Secure Messaging a valuable resource for communicating with patients. Dr. Debra Bailey, director of Women's Health at [VA Western Colorado Health Care System](#), says she enjoys this tool for many of the same reasons patients do – it improves patient access to health care, increases provider efficiency and limits Veteran frustration. "It's an extension to build trust and answer questions readily," said Dr. Bailey. "This tool is not meant to replace needed face-to-face visits, but it's a wonderful tool to clarify visits, respond to questions after visits, follow up on lab tests or imaging and clarify consults." Secure Messaging can also decrease the time a patient spends trying to get answers over the phone.

Many Veterans describe a sense of collaboration with their providers and place greater trust in the relationship when using Secure Messaging. They can ask providers non-urgent and non-emergency health-related questions, request VA referrals and medication renewals, manage VA appointments and provide health condition updates to their health care team. "The biggest thing is it's convenient," said Marine Corps Veteran Edward Joseph Wacker. "I requested an appointment, and they got right back to me." Not only does Wacker communicate with his health care team via Secure Messaging, he frequently uses the My HealtheVet site as a resource for his health care questions.



In addition to improving the patient-provider relationship, Secure Messaging supports VA's integrated team approach. Physicians are kept in the loop with their patients and can triage or contact other specialists, nurses, telehealth technicians or social workers with patient concerns.

Secure Messaging makes it possible for providers to "Own the Moment" even through the COVID-19 pandemic by enabling them to connect with their patients in these challenging times while simultaneously providing excellent care and patient experiences. Providers can deliver care to patients where and when they need it, fulfilling the guiding principle to "Understand and Respond to Needs." By feeling more connected to their providers, patients often report higher satisfaction levels and increased involvement in self-managing their conditions. This suggests Secure Messaging is a mechanism providers can use to strengthen patient engagement and improve the patient experience. Providers can also receive [workload credit](#) for documenting clinical decision-making for online evaluations of non-urgent clinical issues through Secure Messaging. Secure Messaging has become a critical component in how providers practice medicine – it enhances communication, saves time and facilitates health care delivery. Now is the time Best of all, Veterans love the program because it's patient driven. When asked what he thinks about the program, Wacker responded, "It's amazing!"

By embracing virtual health technology, such as [My HealtheVet](#), VA health care teams expand Veteran access to care, improve their care experience and empower them to take charge of their health and wellness. Wacker has a message for other providers not yet using this feature: "Take the time to learn it, because it's very useful." Secure Messaging has enabled providers to deliver the best care anytime, anywhere. To learn more about My HealtheVet's Secure Messaging feature, visit <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/web/myhealthevet/secure-messaging-spotlight>.