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- 1. 2017 CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 71th National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL as well as for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the 82nd Division. Registration is \$100.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be The Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room and for Active Duty the rate is \$50 per room (max 4 persons per room). Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! <http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>

Posted online and also included in the Winter 2016 Paraglide is the 71st Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association and get their word out to a large portion of the Association Membership. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2017*.

Check out the 2017 82nd Airborne Division Association 71st Annual Convention – ORLANDO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/?fref=ts> for the latest updates. Also, look for updates on our website under Events.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division):** Planning continues for AAW and registration is now open. The registration and flyer is published in the Winter Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. Our block of rooms is already half full so please register and reserve your rooms quickly. I have already been attending planning meetings with the Division and with this being the 100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division, the Division is working to make this year's AAW a very special occasion for everyone, and will be adding special events. If you have never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come and see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year and we hope to have hundreds participate again when the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers on Sicily Drop Zone. It is a great event to be a part of and no 82nd Airborne Division Veteran should miss it. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises to outdo themselves again this year. We are very excited about this year's AAW celebration, and hope to that many of our members are able to attend this year's event, as we are sure you will have a great time that you will never forget, and our 100th Anniversary only happens once. Don't miss it.

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Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There is also a 2017 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They are also available for purchase on-line and you can have them shipped directly to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coin is available for viewing on our website and on our registration form, so check it out. They are going fast so make your purchase now or reserve your coin for pick up at AAW.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will again be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine, to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket and the approximate worth of the basket contents. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

3. **IRS NOTIFICATIONS:** Once again the IRS is sending letters to some of our Chapters stating that their Form 990 has not been sent in. We have confirmed with our accountant that all forms have been turned in and were on time. If you receive one of these notification, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail, and we will ensure it is taken care of by our accountant.
4. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2017, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>)

Nominations should include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee. Please include the nominee's qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne Division Commander will appoint the Division Department of Defense Liaison. This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be Completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

*Laurie Clay
Ed. T. Herlihy

*Gary Covey
Jose Perez-Ortiz

*Steven C. Holcomb
Allen Schoppe

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- 5. CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2017 CONVENTION:** Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2017 and the Convention by 31 July 2017. As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2017 We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.
- 6. STATUS OF 501(c)19 TO IRS:** We continue to wait for the IRS decision to our 501(c)19 request, but just this past week we received a notice from the IRS informing us that for us to include all our Chapters on the 501(c)19 status we must pay an additional \$3,000 fee. We have paid this additional fee and are hoping this means that we are close to completion on our request. We will keep you informed.
- 7. SPRING 2017 PARAGLIDE:** Please remember that submissions for the Spring edition of the Paraglide is due by 30 March 2017. Please submit your articles directly to the editor at paraglide@holmesteads.com
- 8. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
- 9. POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** Please notify National of all of your Chapter's major events so that they can be posted on the Association website and Facebook page. Please submit your flyers to National so that they may be approved for posting. However, only events lasting 2 or more days will be posted in the Paraglide. They will be placed on the website by the National office once they are approved.
- 10. NEW DATABASE FOR THE ASSOCIATION:** Starting in January 2017, each Chapter began receiving quarterly copies of your Chapter roster sent automatically by the new database. Many Chapters have sent us their updates and we thank you for your hard work. Please excuse us at the National office if it takes some time to make all of the Chapter updates. We have a lot of information we have been sent and it will take us time to post all of the changes. If you have not updated your Chapter information, the information sent to you will still be incorrect. Please update the roster so that we may finish correcting your updates in the database. If you have updated the roster and there are still discrepancies, please let us know so that we can make the corrections. It is our hope to have all the

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corrections made within the next few months so that you will receive accurate up-to-date rosters quarterly from the new system. We appreciate your support in establishing this new system. Thank you for being patient with us during the transition period.

11. E-NEWS BULLETINS: The E-News bulletin is a way for all members of the Association to be kept informed of news articles related to Fort Bragg, the Airborne Community, the Association, the Veterans Administration, and the Army at large. If you are not receiving the E-News bulletin you can sign-up to receive it at the following link: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html>

It is a great way of staying informed of what's happening within the Division through only two emails a month, and we are sure you will enjoy this information. There is no obligation to purchase anything, and if for any reason you do not enjoy this bulletin you can easily unsubscribe through the link provided at the bottom of the email. Thank you for your support.

12. 2017 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TERM OF OFFICE: In accordance with the Association By-Laws, the 2017 Officers and Directors assumed office on 1 January, and end their term on December 31st. Posted on our website is a listing of the 2017 Association Officers and Directors for your continuity files. Please disseminate to Chapter members via all means of Chapter communications.

13. 2017 COMMITTEES: President Ed T. Herlihy has announced the Committee appointments for 2017 and it is posted on our website for your continuity file. Please disseminate to your Chapter members.

14. CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS: Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer changes to National as soon as possible so that we can update the Paraglide and the Association website.

15. 2016 & 2017 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS: Per the Association By-Laws, "a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter" throughout the 2016 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2017 should arrive at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2017. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports.

16. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.

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- 17. 2016 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2016 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee.
- 18. USAA CREDIT CARDS:** Please be aware that USAA is converting all existing MasterCard accounts to VISA in 2016. The transition will be seamless and have no impact on the current co-branded 82nd Airborne Division Association/USAA cardholders other than a new card being automatically issued.
- 19. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. Please help us to widen our support for our Active Duty Troopers by donating to the Association. Your support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs we are trying to support for the Division, such as Holiday Troop Support, and the Division food locker. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website www.82ndairborneassociation.org . Thank you for your support.
- 20. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT:** This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of each Certificate is \$5.00, which includes shipping and handling.
- 21. CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL:** On 10 Feb, 2017 we will again be sending out the Chapter portion of membership dues to the Chapters. If your PayPal account was not set up in the past and your Jan-Jun 2016 funds were returned to us those funds will be included in the Jul-Dec 2016 funds so that you will not lose any of the funds due to you. Please ensure your PayPal accounts are set up so that your funds will clear quickly. Your Chapters have been sent the amounts due to your Chapters. If you believe there are discrepancies, please notify National prior to 10 Feb. so that we can update as necessary. Once the funds are sent you will receive a notice in your Chapter email account letting you know that the funds are available for you to accept and transfer to your account. We will only be making payments to the Chapters through PayPal and will not be issuing checks anymore. If your account is not set up by 10 February 2017, the money will be returned to National by PayPal, and we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you when the next funds are issued. You will not lose the money. If you still have any questions or need help in setting up your account please call us, and we will assist you. All this information has been previously sent to all the Chapter Chairmen, including tutorials on accessing your Association email accounts and tutorials on setting up your PayPal accounts to only receive payments to your bank account, without having to register any credit card, but if any Chairmen has not received this information please call us so we can get the information to you. We appreciate the help from all the Chapters who have completed this transition, and are ready to help any others who may still be having some problems.

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22. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS: Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the following link: www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.

- a. Hilton Head Weekend, 23-26 February 2017 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa 888-511-5086.
- b. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 9-11 June 2017 is at Lafayette, LA and is hosted by the Acadiana Chapter. POC is Randy Vidrine 337-684-6175 or 337-288-2730. The host hotel is Ramada Inn US 167.

23. 3rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We are gearing up to make our 3rd Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. Attached is a flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71st National Convention. You do not have to be present to win!

24. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association. We have no affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association's name!* We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Herlihy and First Lady Joanne, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and a Happy Valentine's Day!

In addition, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are deploying this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed T. Herlihy".

Ed T. Herlihy
National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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