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- DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** Where does the money come from to run the Association? Some will say that we must increase memberships to increase our funds, but this is unrealistic in obtaining the numbers we would need to do more than exist and will only add the burden of more memberships to handle. The membership dues that are collected are only a part of the Association's income and alone cannot support the operations of the Association? After chapter refunds are deducted, the costs for the insurance of the entire Association and the payment to prepare the taxes for the national office and the chapters is paid, and all the necessities such as: membership cards, certificates, etc., there is no money left for the actual operating of the Association. There is nothing left for support of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division or any other projects for the Association to sponsor. Without the support of donations, the Association will cease to exist. This is why the Association works so hard at seeking donations from many sources, and continues to request donations from the membership and chapters for the General Fund. If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division, we need funds to make it happen. Your support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs, such as Holiday Troop Support, The All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association's Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at:
P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations made to the Association Ed Fund or the Wounded Warrior Fund go directly to the respective funds and do not support the Association General Fund. Therefore, it is necessary for the Association to obtain donations directly.

- 2018 CONVENTION:** Registration for the 72nd Annual Convention continues. Again this year the Association offers four Days of food and drink in our hospitality room, and two formal dinners for the extremely low price of \$110 per person. The Association is receiving a phenomenal rate of \$85 for Association Members registered with the Association for the Convention, and we will also have discounts for some local businesses available. It is impossible to beat these rates. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr., Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to

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<https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airborne&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018> Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel, and all the amazing attractions in Orlando, Florida. For registration and more information, please go to the Convention link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

For those requesting bus transportation to the Drop Zone for the 82nd Airborne Division Training jump there will be an additional charge of \$15 per person and it must be requested in advance as busses will only be available for those who have paid for transportation prior to the Convention.

3. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** We are beginning registration for AAW 2019 immediately due to the high volume of requests. The registration and flyer will be published in the Paraglide and available at our website under Events within the next few weeks. . **Our POC again will be - Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624.** Please do not call yet to make reservations as we are working out the prices and group room code now, and will post the information of when you can begin registering through email and on our website and Facebook shortly. When reservations do open up, remember that if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms left or given a different price. Again, registration for AAW will be online and can be paid for on-line at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/aaw.html> or can be done by write in application located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110 and you will get your money's worth.

4. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 July 2018, 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.

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):

*Victor Mitchell
Steve Copening

*Michael Oesch
Larry Slavicek

*Gary Rezabek
Joseph Steen

5. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS SAMPLE BALLOT:** In accordance with Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2018 Board of Directors will be attached on our website under the "What's New" tab 30 days prior to the 2018 elections. Also posted on the Association website, under the "What's New" tab, will be the 2018 National Directors Nominations.

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6. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2018 CONVENTION**: If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter’s concerns addressed at the Delegates’ meeting, you must have a member be there. You must send in your Chapter delegate certification form and it must arrive by 31 July 2018. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW quickly and for the Convention so that the forms arrive at the national office by 31 July 2018. The forms can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org.

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 2018. We will include these in the Delegates’ agenda.

7. **SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS**: As Charter Organizations with IRS non-profit status, the submission of annual reports, such as; financial reports and Chapter activity reports are mandatory and reportable to the Internal Revenue Service. Any chapters that fail to provide these reports must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for subsequent closure, and will be reported to the IRS for removal of their non-profit status. This is done only to protect the non-profit status of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. We are willing to work with Chapters on these submissions, but those who are two years behind have been brought to the Board of Directors at our meeting in May 2018 and will be receiving letters of our intent to remove the Chapters Charter. Again, we are more than willing to assist any chapter with the submissions, but cannot allow chapters to continue to ignore these requirements. Please contact us if you need assistance.
8. **2017 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: 2017 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, via the Chapter email account. ***If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.*** We have received an *extension until 30 April 2018*. To date, we have received a Financial Statement from the following chapters:

1SG Leonard Funk MOH	307 th Engineer BN	508 Airborne
Acadiana	Akron	Badger State
Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI	Blue Ridge	Central New York
Central Ohio All Airborne	Central Pennsylvania	Chicago

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 Southern Arizona
 South Texas
 Texas Lone Star
 Washington DC

COL Reuben H Tucker
 Donald Lasse/Atlanta
 Gateway
 Greater Rochester NY
 Tillman Beikes Indianapolis
 Kentucky Airborne
 Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR
 Niagara Frontier
 North Jersey
 Orlando All Airborne
 San Joaquin Valley
 Southern California
 St. Michael’s All Airborne
 Virginia State
 Wolverine All Airborne

CPL Edward Slavin
 James Etherton/Detroit
 GEN M B Ridgway
 Hampton Roads All Services
 John Steele
 Lehigh Valley
 LTG James Gavin
 North Central Florida
 North Texas
 Palm Beach County
 SGT C M Pusateri All Airborne
 Southern Florida All Airborne
 Tampa Bay All Airborne
 Walter Hughes/Tri-State

9. 2017 & 2018 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES’ REPORTS: Per the Association By-Laws, and as required by the Internal Revenue Service, “a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter” throughout the 2017 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2018 should arrive at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2018. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. ***These reports are not optional and are required annually by the IRS.***

10. 2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS’ REPORT: Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new or re-elect current officers. Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. *Please provide your 2018 Chapter Officer report, with current phone number and email addresses, to National as soon as possible, even if it is the same slate as last year*, so that we can update our files and the Association website. *Please be sure to give your newly elected Chairman access to the Chapter email account.* If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.

11. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES: Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):

- a. Convention Agenda: Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board’s review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 July 2018*.
- b. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2018* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.

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- c. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 July 2018*.
- d. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *30 June 2018* to Awards committee Chairman, Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
- e. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in the letter form stating that it is a change and or amendment to current By-Law, with the entire current By-Law, including its location in the by-laws, followed by the proposed change and or amendment, with the change portion highlighted. This will allow for the change and or amendment to be quickly recognized from the current law. Additions to By-Laws must state that it is an addition, and include where the addition would be placed within the By-Laws. For a proposed removal of a By-Law, it must include the By-Law and the proposed location of the By-Law. All proposed changes and or amendments, additions, or removals must be accompanied by the reasoning for the proposed change and or amendment, addition, or removal request. The proposed change and or amendment, addition, or removal request must be signed by the Chapter Chairperson. An example can be obtained from the National office upon request. Changes are *due 28 July 2017*.

12. SERVICE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES: The Association Steering Committee may meet at the Convention. The time, date and location will be determined by the Committee Chairperson noted below:

Budget & Finances

Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek Chairman

Website/ Automation

Exec Dir – Bill Bauer

Ways & Means

Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek , Chairman

By-Laws

PP/Chair - Richard Becker

Insurance Bond Agent

Dir - Victor Mitchell, Chairman

Convention Planning

PP Bill Eberle, Chairman

Internal Affairs

Dir Joe Steen, Chairman

Public Relations

Dir – Steve Copening, Chairman

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Chapter & Membership

Executive Dir - Bill Bauer

Resolutions

Dir –Steve Holcomb, Chairman

Awards

Dir – Gary Rezabek, Chairman

National Airborne Heritage Day

Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

Monument Committee - Fort Benning

Mr. Rick Dalton

Business Development Committee

Mr. Neil Parkin - Chairman

Veteran Committee

Nat'l Sec. - Dir Laurie Clay, Chairwoman

- 13. STATUS OF CHAPTER 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS:** *Still waiting.* We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but we will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.
- 14. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* 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.
- 15. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the shield on the front. Very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
- 16. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
- 17. 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:

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<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>

- 18. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters.* 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. Airborne Awards Festival, 18-21 April 2018 is in Columbus, GA and is hosted by the Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Chapter. POC is Al Fracker: 770-841-4345. The host hotel is the **Best Western Plus**: 706-507-1111.
 - b. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 8-10 June 2018 is in Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe: 281-814-2377. The host hotel is **Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake**: 281-333-9300.
 - c. All Ohio Days, 12-14 October, 2018 is in Richfield, OH and is hosted by the Akron Chapter. POC is Bob Winkler: 330-325-7574. The host hotel is **The Days Inn & Suites**: 330-659-6151, ext. 516.
 - d. Veterans Day Activities, 8-11 November 2018 is in Alexandria, VA/Arlington National Cemetery and is hosted by the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter and the Washington, DC Chapter. POC is Bill Bauer: 910-223-1182. The host hotel is **Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town South**: 703-329-1400 or 800-HILTON.
- 19. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 4th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 72nd National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.
- 20. FACEBOOK PAGE:** 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>. *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 Becker, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and look forward to seeing you at All American Week and the 72nd Annual Convention

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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 cursive script that reads "Richard G. Becker".

Richard G. Becker
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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