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1. **2018 CONVENTION**: Hurry!!! Convention is coming up quickly. Register and secure a room before it's too late. 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 room block is only held till **13 Jul 2018**. After the 13th rooms will only be reserved if still available. Don't miss your chance for the phenomenal rate of \$85, plus tax, for Association Members registered with the Association for the Convention. 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 <https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.ashx?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.

2. **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. Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+tax for regular room and \$78+tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available 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.
3. **ALL AMERICAN ADVENTURE PROJECT**: On 23-26 June 2018, The 82nd Airborne Division 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 idea was initially brought about by a request of the 82nd Airborne Division Association to find ways to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The outstanding support provided by the Division's Leadership,

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and their care for the welfare of their Soldiers, allowed for the 82nd Airborne Division Association along with the Center for Discovery, to make this project a success.

Throughout the four-day event, individuals participated in exciting athletic and outdoor adventure type experiences, among other activities at The Center, including: a boot camp class, a bike tour of The Center's campus with opportunities for interaction with Center residents, guided meditation, yoga, campfires, farm-fresh meals, and more. An additional portion of the event was held at [Frost Valley YMCA](#), which included fly fishing, a hike up Slide Mountain, and an activity on their Y climbing tower and zip line.

Check the Association Facebook page for more information, a video and photos on this outstanding Association project supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers.

4. **DONATIONS TO 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 Association programs, such as Holiday Troop Support, The All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. If we don't support our Troopers, who will. No more saying next time or the Association doesn't need the money anyway or our Chapter having a Christmas party is more important than helping our young Troops. I hear a lot of talk from members about how the Association should support our young active duty Troopers, and now we are. Now it is time for everyone to step up and help us to support them. We cannot do these things without funds. We have solicited monies from many outside donors who have never been in the 82nd and some who have never been in the military. Now it is time for those of you who are members of our Association who have not yet donated, and I do thank those of you who are generously supporting, to stop the talk and back it up with a donation for our Troopers. We have been changing and are doing the things you have asked us to do for the Troopers, so YOU are running low on good excuses not to help. Please help the Association in supporting **OUR** 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Any donation will help us. 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.

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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.
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 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. **THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER OF INTENT FOR CLOSURE FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE:**

555 PIB Memorial	Alamo Chapter	Connecticut Yankee
Ames/Olivas All Airborne	Golden Gate	Keystone All Airborne (Closed)
Lobo All Airborne	Viking (Closed)	Mississippi All Airborne (Closed)
Montana All Airborne (Closed)	Roanoke Valley AA	Reed Torrence/Clyde Thomas/503/80
Ross Carter/Appalachian (Closed)		

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9. **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.
 - 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.**

10. **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

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Insurance Bond Agent

Dir - Victor Mitchell, Chairman

Internal Affairs

Dir Joe Steen, Chairman

Chapter & Membership

Executive Dir - Bill Bauer

Awards

Dir – Gary Rezabek, Chairman

Monument Committee - Fort Benning

Mr. Rick Dalton

Veteran Committee

Nat'l Sec. - Dir Laurie Clay, Chairwoman

Convention Planning

PP Bill Eberle, Chairman

Public Relations

Dir – Steve Copening, Chairman

Resolutions

Dir –Steve Holcomb, Chairman

National Airborne Heritage Day

Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

Business Development Committee

Mr. Neil Parkin - Chairman

11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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!
14. **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>

15. 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. Operation Market Garden Jamboree is in Sebring, FL and is hosted by the South Florida All Airborne Chapter. POC is Jose Perez-Ortiz (305) 205-1948. The host hotel is Sebring Quality Inn and Suites 863-385-4500.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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 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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