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- 2018 CONVENTION:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to host the 72nd annual National Convention, with the help of the Greater Daytona Chapter assisting with the hospitality room. Registration is \$110.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room a night (max 4 persons per room). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to <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.
- ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018:** Once a year the 82nd Airborne Division welcomes back its Veterans and treats them to an awesome week of comradery. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. If you missed last year's event, you have probably already heard how fantastic it was. Don't miss it again. If you attended last year, you know what a great event it is and what a great time you will have. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers and Sisters on Sicily Drop Zone. We hope to have hundreds participate again. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises another spectacular meal. I can't tell you how excited we all are about hosting AAW for our Veterans, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes go nowhere unless you act on them.

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 again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There will also be a 2018 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line for those not attending AAW and you can have them shipped to you or those attending AAW can pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coins will be available for viewing

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on our website so check them out. We hope to have a representation of the coin available on the website shortly.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will 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. *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. Our accountant is working to correct this issue
4. **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 our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
5. **DONATIONS TO THE “HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT”:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Holiday Troop Support project. It was a great success again this year with over 1000 meals provided thank to the Donations of the following Chapters, Members, and Corporate Sponsors:

Ben Vandervoort Chapter - \$250	Acadiana Chapter - \$400
Kentucky All Airborne Chapter - \$300	CPL Edward A. Slavin Chapter - \$200
St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter - \$250	JohnTowle/Cleveland Chapter - \$150
Daniel Campbell Chapter - \$200	Wolverine All Airborne Chapter - \$100
504 PIR Association - \$275	Past President Mel Greene - \$2000
President Elect Rich Becker - \$82	USAA - \$2000
Bragg'n Barn Thrift Shop - \$1000	New Car Dealers Association - \$1000
Over 1000 chickens donated by Perdue Farms.	Franklin Baking Company – Discounted goods
Penske Truck Rental of East Coast Grills Inc –Truck	

Your generous donations were greatly appreciated by the Troopers and Families of the 82nd Airborne Division and were a super impact on their lives during this Holiday Season. I cannot tell you enough how much this means to our Troops. Thank you and a Happy Holiday Season to all of you. Please check out our facebook page for photos! <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>

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6. **EDUCATION FUND:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association administered 85 Educational grants this year. This could not be possible without the generous donations of our chapters, and this month I want to highlight the Greater Hartford Chapter for their donation of \$2,500 to the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Thank you for leading the way with this generous donation this month, that will help the Education Fund continue its mission of providing grants to our members and their family members.
7. **WINTER 2017 PARAGLIDE:** Please remember that submissions for the Winter 2017 edition of the Paraglide is due by 30 December 2017. Please submit your articles directly to the editor at paraglide@holmesteads.com
8. **POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** Please notify National of your Chapter's major one day 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 only be placed on the website through the National office after the approval process.
9. **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.
10. **STATUS OF 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS:** 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.
11. **CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL:** At the end of January 2018, 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 funds were returned to us, those funds will be included in the January 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. 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 January, and the money is returned to us by PayPal, 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 in July 2018. 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

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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.

- 12. 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, will be emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January. If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.
- 13. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. 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
- 14. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** 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!
- 15. ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President to your Chapter events. Please send invitations by mail or email and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).
- 16. NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:**
Executive Director Bill Bauer - execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information from Chapters concerning questions from Chapter Chairmen, by-laws, by-law changes, Chapter start-ups or Chapter shut-downs, serious infractions by Association members, assistance from the National Office in running Chapter events, Chapter refunds for new and renewed memberships, donations, and any information the Chapter Chairmen deems necessary for the Executive Director's attention.

Executive Secretary Laura Bauer – execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information on Chapter financial statements, Chapter reports, Chapter events, TAPS submissions, arranging appointments, questions concerning our website, submission requests for items to be placed on our website, facebook and in the Paraglide (Not for submission of your Chapter Paraglide Article. They will continue to be sent to the Paraglide Editor), questions on All American Week registration, and any information that Chapters would like communicated to the entire Association.

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Administrative Assistant Lory Johnston– admin@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for all information concerning membership. New membership, membership renewals, changes to membership information, submission of membership report changes, and any other information concerning membership.

- 17. MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER REQUEST:** The Officers of the Mississippi Chapter are unable to continue in their positions and have been unable to find replacements. If there is any member of the Mississippi Chapter who wants to help to keep this Chapter from closing by assuming an Officer position please contact the National Office.
- 18. 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>
- 19. 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. 10th Anniversary Hilton Head Weekend, 22-25 February 2018 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 or online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne>
- 20. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to 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!
- 21. 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!
- 22. CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** The National Office will be closed from 25 December 2017 through 8 January 2018.
- 23. 76th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR:** 7 December 2017 marks the 76th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Please take a moment to remember those lost during the Attack and the sacrifices of so many in securing our freedom during WW II.

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President Herlihy and First Lady Joanne, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all our Members for their service and helping the Association to have a successful year. Our success could not be possible without the support and assistance of our members, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy Prosperous New Year!
AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!!!

Remember, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers who are deployed this Holiday Season. We ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We look forward to their safe return.

T. Ed Herlihy
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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