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1. **9-11 REMEMBRANCE:** On September 11th please remember all of those who died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crash fields of Pennsylvania from horrific terrorist attacks. Remember the First Responders who gave their lives trying to save the lives of others, and the brave men and women of the military who have lost their lives defending our freedom ever since fighting the Global War on Terrorism. We will never forget you or what you stood for. God Bless them and the United States of America!
2. **70th NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 70th National Convention in Louisville, KY was a tremendous success!! Those who attended had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie of old and new friends. Over 500 Veterans/Family/Friends Members and Active Duty Paratroopers attended, with 82 Paratroopers jumping into nearby Clark Regional Airport in Clark County, IN. The Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel was a wonderful host to the Association. Those who attended have received an email survey to assist us in completing our After Actions Review. If you attended and do not have an email account, please send us your suggestions via the contact us page of our website. See you next year back in Florida.
3. **CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES:** All suggested changes to the Association By-laws were passed. Minutes of the Board of Directors, Delegates, Education Fund and Wounded Warrior meetings held at the 2016 Convention will be provided separately. We hope to have the meeting minutes posted shortly. **The newest edition of the By-Laws, dated 15 August 2015, is posted** on our website on the resources page.
4. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2017:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2017:
 - a. President T. Ed Herlihy (Greater Hartford Chapter) was elected.
 - b. Vice President CSM Micheal Green (Division CSM) was selected.
 - c. National Secretary Laurie K. Clay (Kentucky Airborne Chapter) was re-elected.
 - d. National Treasurer Lawrence Slavicek (Chicago Chapter) was re-elected.

The General Membership meeting filled six (6) Veteran Directors vacancies. Congratulations to Steve Copening (Palm Beach County Chapter), Lawrence Slavicek (Chicago Chapter), and Joe Steen (Kentucky All Airborne Chapter) who were re-elected and Victor Mitchell (Fayetteville Chapter), Gary

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Rezabek (John Towle Cleveland Chapter), and Mike Oesch (Vulcan Chapter) who are newly elected to the board. Our new Directors will be contacting some of our Chapters to speak with Chairmen on concerns they may have. If they leave you a message, please contact them as soon as you can.

5. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016:** President-Elect T. Ed Herlihy will announce the 2017 National Committees in the December 2016 or January 2017 Bulletin.
6. **2017 CONVENTION:** The Orlando All Airborne Chapter, the Daniel S. Campbell All Airborne Chapter and Orlando, FL will again be hosting the 71th National Convention August 9-13, as well as 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. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today!
<http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>
7. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**
Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx> to find out what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>.
9. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President. 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).
10. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by MultiView and updated weekly, to find out more about what is going on within the Division. Register by going to the Association's webpage 'What's New' tab. We will also now be posting Association Articles and information on this site, to include our monthly bulletin, in an effort to reach more members with information about the Association. No purchase is necessary! Please support the Association by subscribing today!
11. **ASSOCIATION ALUMNI BOOK DELAY:** The Association has been informed by Harris Connect, the publishers of the Alumni book, that there is a delay in the publishing of the book and that a message

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will be sent to all members who ordered the book to give updates on the release date. There will also be a contact number, on the message, if you have any other questions for the publisher.

12. ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND: One of the biggest benefits of being a LIFE member of the Association is the availability for Members and dependents, who meet the following criteria, to receive scholarships:

- a. Dependents of Association LIFE members or Former 82nd Paratroopers with 2 or less enlistments.
- b. Former 82nd Paratroopers *must* apply within 2 years of discharge and be a LIFE member.
- c. Must be enrolled in a Baccalaureate program at an accredited College or University.
- d. Applications must be completed and submitted annually.

Applications and additional information are available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 29304-7482 which is also listed on the bottom of the application. NOTE: This is USPS box and, therefore, does NOT accept UPS, FEDEX, etc. packages. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2016!

13. NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH: We are intent on providing assistance to deserving students and troopers returning to civilian life. Please keep in mind that November is Educational Fund Month. Please make an extra effort to canvass local businesses to solicit funds. Remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the address on the applications.

14. 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

15. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: When writing in applications use the National Application forms, posted on the Association webpage under the membership tab. Also, please make sure that **all information is included and legible** on the Application. Many applications are being received with many blanks, including service dates and phone numbers, and with information that we are unable to read. One of the most important pieces of information needed is an email address and many applications/renewals leave that part blank. Please be sure your members include that if they have an account. If they don't have any account, please ask if they have a family member whose account may be used so that all members can receive information and updates.

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- 16. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. A donation of just \$10.00 will go a long way in helping the Association support our 82nd Airborne Division. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website. Thank you for your support.
- 17. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association's Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and to bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Louisville, KY. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 18. VETERANS' DAY 2016:** The Washington, DC Chapter and the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, with the National Office, are currently planning the events and festivities for Veterans' Day and will have more information concerning hotel reservations/registration in the coming weeks. We will forward the flyer and information when we receive it.
- 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 [Events](#) link.
- a. 54th All Ohio Days, 6-8 October 2016 is at Miamisburg, OH and is hosted by the GEN M B Ridgway Chapter. POC is Treasurer Dan Lee 859-371-1001. The host hotel is Double Tree Suites 937-531-5004.
- 20. 2nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Our raffle drawing was held at the Convention banquet on Saturday, August 13. Congratulations to the following winners:
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| Homer Payne (5%) | - \$80.00 |
| Chicago Chapter (15%) | - \$240.00 |
| Ben Beekman (30%) | - \$480.00 |
- Thank you to everyone who made the 2nd Annual Association 50/50 raffle so successful!
- 21. FACEBOOK PAGE:** Please go the 82nd Airborne Division Association and '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!*** You will not see a lot of advertising on our Facebook page, nor do we allow profanity or bad conduct. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members on this page, and will post more Association photos of things going

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on at the National office, and within the 82nd Airborne Division! If you want good information about what's going on in our Association this is the place to find it. Hope to see you there.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association wish to thank everyone who made this year's Convention so successful.

In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering Wounded Warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen E. Schoppe".

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE
National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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