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1. **2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 69th National Convention, August 12-15, 2015, co-hosted by the Dan Campbell and Orland All-Airborne Chapters in Orlando, Florida. The Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive (800)204-7234 or (407)996-9840, (www.RosenCentre.com) will host and provide a hotel room rate of \$96.48 (tax included, up to 4 per room, 3 days pre and post the Convention dates). Additionally, a special rate will apply for active duty personnel (present ID at registration) that pay the \$90 per person registration to attend the 2015 Convention. The Hotel and Convention registration page is attached and can also be found on the Association website at the Paraglide (past Summer/Fall issue and upcoming Winter issue) and Events (Convention) links.

2. **WITHIN FORT BRAGG & THE DIVISION:** The 82nd Airborne Division has given the green light for 2015 All American Week, scheduled for May 18-21, 2015. The Division begins the week activities with the Monday/May 18th "Division Run" at 0630, followed by two (2) days of 'Athletic Events' competition. On Wednesday/May 20th there is a 'Division Review Rehearsal' at Pike Field, immediately followed by a 'Division Memorial Ceremony Rehearsal' at the Division Museum entrance. On Thursday the "Division Review" at Pike Field attracts the "Old Timers" (Veterans march to open the ceremony), with thousands of Troopers' Families and thousands of guests from the local community observing. Immediately following, hundreds move to the Division Museum entrance/parking for the Division 'Memorial Ceremony', wreath-laying to honor 82nd Troopers who have made the ultimate sacrifice from WWI through the current War on Terror and also "Honor Gold Star Families".

a. About 250 Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division's 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment are scheduled to deploy to Iraq later this month in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Their nine month assignment will be "to conduct security operations in support of the mission to protect U.S. personnel and facilities", Pentagon Defense Department spokesman COL Steve Warren recently told reporters. NOTE: Stars and Stripes is credited with releasing this story.

a. About 1,000 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade Airborne Troopers returned to Fort Bragg, NC after a three (3) month deployment to Afghanistan. Brigade Commander COL Michael Musiol and 600 plus troopers (pilots, flight medics, aircraft armors, fuelers and mechanics) remain in Afghanistan.

b. BG Brian E. Winski, 82nd Airborne Division Deputy Commanding General for Operations, was promoted November 26, 2014.

c. Last month, 1,500 Paratroopers from the 2nd Battalion 504 Parachute Infantry Regiment returned to Fort Bragg, NC just in time for Thanksgiving, after a nine (9) month deployment to Afghanistan.

Visit the following 82nd Airborne Division websites <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82ND/Pages/default.aspx>
<http://www.dvidshub.net/image>, on the above comments and more information.

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3. **2015 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TERM OF OFFICE:** In accordance with the Association By-Laws, the 2015 Officers and Directors of the Association assume office on 1 January, and end their term on December 31st. Enclosed for your continuity file is a listing of the 2015 Association Officers and Directors. Please disseminate to Chapter members via all means of Chapter communication.
4. **2015 COMMITTEES:** President elect Allen E. Schoppe, from the Texas Lone Star Chapter, has announced the Committee appointments for 2015, and the Committees page is included for your Chapter continuity file and is disseminated to your Chapter membership.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR(S):** William 'Bill' F. Bauer (from the Fayetteville Chapter) will assume the Executive Director's position and responsibilities effective January 5, 2015 and Executive Director Santiago Tijerina, Jr. will leave at the end of December 2014. Please feel free to welcome Bill Bauer.
6. **2014 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** **REMINDER** - 2014 Chapter Financial Statements, required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, will be emailed to Chapter Chairperson's with email addresses, and mailed with the January 2015 Bulletin to Chairperson's without email address, with a **suspense date of March 15, 2015 to the National Headquarters.**
7. **CHAPTER CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP:** Officers are reminded that leaders must be current Association members and their information submitted to the National Office as soon as possible; i.e. full name, address with 9-digit zip code, 10-digit telephone number and email address-if available.
8. **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:** Enclosed are the Chapter membership statistics as of November 30, 2014 that include annual "Early Birds" received/postmarked November 15, 2014 and processed.
9. **IRS LETTERS TO CHAPTERS:** The National office has received calls, emails and mail from Chapters that have received letters from the IRS concerning filing of Form 990. The Association CPA has consolidated and forwards this year's Chapters' Financial information via a consolidated Form 990. However, this was mailed later this year than in previous years, and therefore some of our Chapters may receive a letter from the IRS asking for filing of a Form 990 and also give a deadline for filing. Our CPA, he advised that IRS letters received by Chapters be provide to him through the National Headquarters. So please provide your IRS letter to the National office as soon as possible. However, if you did not provide us with your 2013 Chapter Financial Statement, then you will have to deal with the IRS directly!
10. **2015 CHAPTER ROSTERS:** Due to budget cuts, 2015 Chapter rosters will be furnished annually, prior to the National Convention. Every Chapter should have received a 2014 roster, and that roster must be maintained/updated (add/delete...as necessary) until the next roster is received. For Chapter continuity, the outgoing Officer must brief the incoming Officer responsible to maintain the roster.
11. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS & TAPS:** **Chapters should contact their members annually via phone, mail, email, etc. and in doing so, identify changes of address.** Most Chapters know their "Snow-Birds" that move in the Fall and Spring. Also, **before reporting TAPS name(s) to National, gather deceased/bio information, i.e. spouse name, number of children, unit(s) served and deceased date..** The "Address Changes" link on the Association website is an expeditious method of notifying National. .



12. **SERVICE UNIT(S) & COMBAT TOUR(S)**: After reviewing Chapter newsletters, websites and transmittals, some Chapters need to update their applications to coincide with the Association application to include service unit(s)/period of service and combat tour(s)/period of tours. This information is necessary and will help the 82nd Association change its IRS status in the future.

13. **2014 & 2015 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 2014 year, and “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s of meetings and activities for 2015” should arrive at the National Headquarters by January 30, 2015. Thank you Chapter Officers for your continued support!

14. **UPDATED VETERAN CHAPTERS’ FORGIVE REBATES**: The following Veteran Chapters have opted from receiving their 2011/2012 Chapter Rebates, so that the Association can recover financially.

- 1) T.E.Beikes-Indianapolis All-Abn
- 2) Texas Lone Star
- 3) Palm Beach County
- 4) Gateway
- 5) Akron
- 6) Wolverine All Abn
- 7) Kentucky Airborne
- 8) Oklahoma All Abn
- 9) Acadiana
- 10) Benavidez-Patterson All-Abn
- 11) 1SG L.A. Funk MOH-Western PA
- 12) GEN M.B. Ridgway
- 13) Ben Vandervoort All-Abn
- 14) Badger State
- 15) Southern California
- 16) Wisconsin Badger

15. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2015**: The Association has “tentatively” scheduled the 2015 AAW dates for May 18-22, 2015 to coincide with the 82nd Airborne Division events; May 18-21, 2015 (Monday-Thursday). A contract Hotel for room reservation, Registration for AAW and an Association weekly schedule of events page is pending further coordination with the Division and Fayetteville Chapter.

16. **UPCOMING CALENDAR 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 past Paraglides and also at the 82nd Association website, at the Upcoming Events link.

a. **MID-WINTER WEEKEND GETAWAY, February 19-22, 2015**, Hilton Head Island, SC hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Hilton Head Island Chapter. POC is Past-President Bill Eberle 843-682-4171 airborneben@hargray.com, hotel-Marriott Hilton Head (888)511-5086 <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>.

b. **KENTUCKY 5TH ANNUAL AIRBORNE REUNION, March 5-8, 2015**, Lexington, KY hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. POC is Joe Steen 502-937-8234 kyairbornechapter@yahoo.com, hotel-Campbell House 859-255-4281 <http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay.jsp?groupID=1121207&hotelID=86099>.

c. **2015 AIRBORNE AWARDS, Atlanta, GA (generally held in April)**; information is pending and may be published in the next Paraglide issue and January 2015 National Bulletin. The Airborne Static Line Magazine is no longer in business having ceased operation in April of 2012. But, the Static Line (online) Lifeline website, for information and to join, is available at <http://www.staticlinemagazine.com/>.

d. **SUN CITY ALL-AIRBORNE FESTIVAL VII 2015, July 1-5, 2015**, El Paso, TX hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson All-Airborne Chapter. POC is Treasurer Rick Trevizo (915)562-9969 bp82cmdctr@bpaac.org; host hotel Wyndham EL Paso Airport (915)778-4241 or (800)742-7248 reservation code: 0701670382 or 82nd Airborne Division Association.



17. **75TH ANNIVERSARY-U. S. AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** The 75th Anniversary of the United States Airborne & Special Operations will be held and celebrated on August 12, 2015 during the 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL. The date was incorrectly published as August 16, 2015. For more information please contact Carl Bludau-Event Executive Chairman (361)575-8492, Allen Schoppe-Project Treasurer (281)814-2377, or Ron Rath-Executive Committee (919)803-4554.

Donation for the 75th Anniversary of the United States Army Airborne & Special Operations

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 Division Association Wounded Warrior Project. On the memo line please write "75th". We are a
 501(c)(3) group and each donor will receive a non-profit donation statement from the project's treasurer.
 Mail check to: Allen Schoppe, Treasurer-75th Anniversary, 5427 Weston Drive, Fulshear, TX 77441-4217

18. **1ST ANNUAL ASSOCIATION RAFFLE WINNERS:** This year's Association raffle was a success! Here are the names of the four (4) prize winners, their prize winnings and their affiliated Chapter:

- 1st Prize (\$2,500) MIKE LONETTO, Washington D.C. Chapter
- 2nd Prize (\$1,500) CHICAGO Chapter
- 3rd Prize (\$1,000) DONALD MCLANE, James W. Etherton – Detroit Chapter
- 4th Prize (\$ 500) RICHARD SCHARVER, Akron Chapter

19. **2ND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION RAFFLE:** Attached is the 2nd Annual Association Raffle. Please provide your membership copies for their participation. Chapters are asked to support this annual Association revenue project by purchasing a minimum of 1-page worth of tickets in the Chapter's name.

20. **NATIONAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The National office will closed for the upcoming Holiday season December 17, 2014 through January 4, 2015. The office will open January 5, 2015.

21. **MERRY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY NEW YEAR:** Association President Harold A. Schroder and the First Lady Edna, join the Past Presidents, Officers, and Directors of the Association (current and elect) and their spouses in wishing every member a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a "HAPPY NEW YEAR". Also, please remember our Armed Forces and their Families this Holiday Season. Be Safe!

HAROLD A. SCHROEDER, National President

Enclosures

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