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- 69th NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Registrations continue to be received for this year's National Convention in Orlando, FL. The 82nd Airborne will be conducting a training jump at Avon Park Florida on 13 August, and have invited the convention attendees out to watch the Airborne Operation. Please remind your members to mail their registration to Caroline Grimsley, 1910 E. Gachet Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813 and to reserve their room with the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orland, FL. Remember to send your Delegate hotel registrations and payments to Caroline Grimsley in Florida and Delegate forms to the National office. If you have already sent your check to the National office I will be forwarding them to Florida. Just ensure they are sent your registration forms. Hotel reservations can be made at www.paratrooperdz.com. ***Be sure to make reservations by July 17 to get the Convention rates! Active duty personnel will get special rate upon showing their ID card at the check in!***

Check out 2015 82nd Airborne Div Assoc Annual Convention facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/> for the latest schedule and updates. Also, look at our website under Events/Convention for updates.

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES:** The 2015 All American Week Board of Directors and Delegates Meeting minutes are posted on the Association website at the What's New Link.
- NATIONAL DIRECTORS' SAMPLE BALLOT:** In accordance with the Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2016 Board of Directors is attached. Also attached to this Bulletin and posted on the Association website is the 2016 National Directors Nominations.
- CONVENTION DELEGATES:** An updated list of Convention Delegates is attached. Only the Delegates on the list may speak and vote at the Delegates meeting. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will be asked to leave.
- SERVICE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES:** Members who are not National Directors but have experience/expertise in an area are cordially invited to volunteer on National Committees. Anyone interested should write to the Executive Director by 30 September 2015 and list which committee(s) they are interested in and their qualifications. The 2016 National President has the final say on Committee assignments.
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The Association Steering Committees may meet at the Convention. The time, date and location will be determined by the Committee Chairperson noted below:

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BUDGET & FINANCE – Lawrence J. Slavicek
AWARDS – T. Ed Herlihy
RESOLUTIONS – Henry Young
INTERNAL AFFAIRS – Jose Perez-Ortiz
INSURANCE/BOND AGENT – Randolph Glancy
CONVENTION PLANNING – PP William Eberle
WAYS & MEANS – Lawrence J. Slavicek
LEGISLATIVE LNO – Gordon Sumner
BY-LAWS – Jose Perez-Ortiz
WOUNDED WARRIOR – PP William Eberle
PUBLIC RELATIONS- Gary Rezabek
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING- Harold Schroeder
BEQUEST PLANNING- Steve Copening

7. **CHAPTER DUES:** Attached is a list of the moneys due to each Chapter for full dues paid directly to National from Members from January 2015 through June 2015. Checks will be sent the Chapter Chairman within the next week.

8. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**

- a. MG Richard Clarke presented COL Michael Fenzel, outgoing Division Chief of Staff, with the Legion of Merit during a ceremony on June 19. COL Fenzel is heading to NYC where he will spend a year as a military fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations.
- b. The 82d Division, under MG Richard Clarke, took command of the Combines Joint Forces land Component Command-Iraq from the 1st Infantry during a transfer of authority ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq on 28 June. Division brings more than 300 paratroopers to join the coalition in helping the Government of Iraq improve security and stability.
- c. The Falcon Brigade welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Mitchell L. Rucker, the incoming command sergeant major for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, during a Change of Responsibility Ceremony.

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 more about these articles and what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's facebook page,

10. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly to find out more about what is going on within the Division. You can do this by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. You do not need to purchase anything, just subscribe and open the email twice a month. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*

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11. 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. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2015!

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 business 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.

12. 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.

13. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Please use the National Application forms, posted on the Association webpage under the membership tab, or make sure that the information contained on your chapter's applications contain the same information. Also, please make sure that **all information is included** on the Application. Many applications are being received with many blanks, including service dates and phone numbers. 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.

14. NEW NATIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES: Just a reminder that National's email addresses have changed. This is the last month that any of the earthlink.net emails will be valid. Please check your contacts and use only the following email addresses for all communication:

execdir@82assn.org Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director

execsec@82assn.org All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters

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The old email addresses will no longer be used after July 31, 2015. PLEASE UPDATE WITH THE NEW ADDRESSES!!

- 15. NEW ASSOCIATION FAX NUMBER:** The Association has a new fax number effective immediately: 844-272-0047.
- 16. ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION AND MEMBERS DD 214:** Please continue to send your paperwork to National. Your cooperation in obtaining these records is *greatly appreciated* and will have an enormous impact on the success of the Association.
- 17. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, our current financial problems would be solved. Please help the Association in our time of need. 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.
- 18. 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 be used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and will bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Orland, FL. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 19. PARAGLIDE:** Please continue to remind your members that we are trying to issue the Paraglide in hardcopy through annual subscriptions of \$30. Subscriptions can be made online or mailed in. Copies of the subscription form were attached to the Jan-Feb 2015 bulletin and are available on our website. Subscriptions can also be purchased directly online at our website.
- We are hoping for the Paraglide to provide the Association with some much needed revenues, while giving members a hardcopy of the Paraglide. We need your help to make this happen. Please support the Association, and receive the Paraglide also.
- 20. 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. 53rd ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
- 21. 75TH ANNIVERSARY-U. S. AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** The 75th Anniversary of the United States Airborne & Special Operations will be held and celebrated on 12 August 2015 during the 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL. 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. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the Events link.

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22. 1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: This year's raffle drawing will be at the Convention Dinner in August. To make this raffle as successful as possible, we need the continued support of all Association Chapters, Members and Family members. Please support National by participating in the 1st Annual Association 50/50 Raffle by providing 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 your Chapter's name. The raffle tickets are on our webpage and are attached to this bulletin. Please mail your raffle donations to the National Office at the address listed on the raffle form.

23. FACEBOOK PAGE: Please go to the 82nd Airborne Division Association and 'like us'. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

24. ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: In an effort to keep the Membership informed, the 2015 Budget to Actual Statement and our Statement of Financial Position will be posted on the website.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association wish you all safe travels this summer and hope to see you all at the National Convention in Orlando, FL.

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 black ink that reads "Allen E. Schoppe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE
National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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