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- 1. 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 70th National Convention, August 10-13, 2016 in Louisville, KY. The Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport will host the Convention. The hotel room rate is \$99.82 per night, including tax. This rate is good from 7 August 2016 through 17 August 2016. To make hotel reservations call 888-233-9527 and request the 82nd Airborne Division when calling. Please call ONLY this number when making reservations or go online to <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14216594/owner/2812/home>. POC is Joe Steen (502) 937-8234 or kyairbornechapter@yahoo.com. The registration form is attached and is available on our website under Events www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. The 70th Convention is going to be a great event so I hope you can join us in all the great festivities. The Kentucky Chapter is doing an outstanding job in preparing this Convention and I know it will show in the execution phase of the operation.
- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2016:** All American Week is scheduled for 23-26 May 2016. We have again arranged for rooms at the Airborne Inn-Moon Hall Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg, NC 28310 (910) 396-396-7700 (POC: Ms. Monica Wells, www.ihgarmyhotels.com from 22-27 May. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations and use *group code: ABD*. The Association Dinner Social is scheduled for May 26. The AAW Registration and AAW flyer is posted on our website.

Registration for AAW is on-line and can be paid for on-line or by write in application. We will also be offering annual AAW coins that can be purchased on our website or with your registration or at AAW. I hope to have them available on-line by mid-February. You will be able to either purchase them on our website and have them shipped to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW and thereby saving on postage. I will also be posting the schedule of events on the website by in Mid-February. Of course it is subject to changes, but we will continue to update it as information comes in. It will be another great event hosted by the 82nd Airborne Division. The Division will dedicate the memorial to those lost during training at this year's AAW. Also, this year, on Friday, 27 May at 1000 hours we will dedicate a monument honoring those who served in the 4th Battalion, 68th Armor and or 3rd Battalion, 73rd Armor at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum on Hay Street, in Fayetteville. We hope to see many of you there and are working hard to make this great event for all

- 3. NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at National by 1 June 2016, via registered or certified mail. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (see Association website What's New/Bulletins). Nominations should include a brief description

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(4-5 sentences) about the nominee. The description should include qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne Division Commander will appoint the Division Department of Defense Liaison. This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be leaving office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination for a second 2-year term):

*Steve Copening

*Justin Holmes

*Larry Slavicek

*Joe Steen

Randy Glancy

Michael Briseno

4. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO THE 2016 CONVENTION**: Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend the Convention by May 2, 2016. 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 May 2, 2016. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

5. **MEMBERSHIP**: I want to again give some clarification on membership to the Association. According to our By-Laws, an applicant has to have served "Honorably" in the military. To ensure this, I must have their DD214 that shows "Honorable" in the character of service section. Over the years, there have been different form numbers, but all have an area that says Honorable or a separate certificate was given that stated the Service Member served "Honorably". On some of the older DD214s not all the sheets have the character of service portion at the bottom. On some, the "Member-1" portion does not have the character of service block. Because of this, the "Member 4" copy is needed. The "member-4" copy that the Service Member is provided does have the addition of the character of service portion added. The bottom line is, we must be able to validate that new members served "Honorably" to admit them into the Association. I think all will agree that this is important to our Association. If an applicant has anything but Honorable in the character of service portion they can still apply, but they will have to submit paperwork showing why they received another type of rating and it will have to be presented to the Board of Directors who will make a final decision on the disposition of the application. I will make this clearer on the on-line applications page also. The applicant must also show that they are either Airborne qualified or have been assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division. They do not have to be Airborne qualified to be a member of the Association. If they were assigned or attached to the Division they are also eligible. We have many serving in the Division today who are not Airborne qualified, but are "Honorably" serving the Division. If, on the applicant's DD214 it does not show Airborne qualification or assignment to the Division, they must provide other documents to verify this, i.e.-

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Certificate from Basic Airborne Course, award stating “while assigned/attached to the Division”, orders assigning/attaching them the Division, etc. All documents will be considered. But, to be accepted, enough documents must be submitted to show character of service, Airborne qualification, or assignment/attachment to the Division. I hope this clarifies why we need these documents. If there is a question, please email or call me. Active duty members must provide a current ERB, if not applying through their 82nd unit, to show that they are currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Active Duty Troopers who are not currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division must pay the Veteran membership prices.

6. **APPLICATIONS:** We are moving to have all Chapters submit all applications on-line. This will aid in speeding the process, leave less room for errors in posting member information to the database, and yes, aid in my ability to read them all. It will also save money on postage. It will also allow our new database to quickly notify you that the documents are received. We will have a separate area that can only be used by the Chapter representatives. If you set-up a PayPal account for your Chapter, it will allow you to pay on-line at the Chapter rates, i.e. - \$17 annual or \$150/\$200 for Lifetime memberships. If your Chapter needs help in figuring out how to set-up a PayPal account, we are available to walk you through it. This can be set-up through your Chapter account. If your Chapter wishes to still pay by check, they can still select pay by check on the application, and then mail their check in. Once the check is received, the memberships will be completed. I can tell you that of 50 applications received, upwards of 20 have issues that cause us to contact the Chapters to fix. This causes hours of extra time and work. It may sound like a pain right now, but we can work through it together and it will be easier on all of us in the long run. I will let everyone know when we will start this, and ensure everyone understands the process. I hope I can get your support in this endeavor.
7. **NEW DATABASE:** We are continuing to work on our new database and some of you may have already seen emails that it sends when your applications are processed. I wish it could be fully operational quicker, but with only a small few members working on a database of its magnitude, it will take us several months of work to get it fully on-line with all the bells and whistles that we want it to provide. In the end it will provide a much greater capability in assisting our members, and in providing members who have registered email addresses with us, with up to date information directly to them. If you have not registered your email address with us please do so by sending us the update, preferably using the information update on our website.
8. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**
 - a. On January 27, 2016, BG Brian Winski and CSM Brian Severino recognized retention teams from each brigade for accomplishing all retention goals for Fiscal Year 2016. The Award for Division Career Counselor of the Year was presented to SFC Joshua Murray from 2 BCT, 82nd ABN DIV.

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- b. 3-319 AFAR conducted guns raids last week with Ch-47s assigned to the 82nd CAB. The air assault is the newest portion of the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery Readiness Test to ensure the battery is ready to support the Global Response Force anywhere within 24 hours.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision/?fref=ts>.

- 9. **2016 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TERM OF OFFICE:** In accordance with the Association By-Laws, the 2016 Officers and Directors assumed office on 1 January, and end their term on December 31st. Enclosed for your continuity file is a listing of the 2016 Association Officers and Directors. Please disseminate to Chapter members via all means of Chapter communications.
- 10. **2016 COMMITTEES:** President Allen E. Schoppe has announced the Committee appointments for 2016 and it is attached for your continuity file. Please disseminate to your Chapter members.
- 11. **2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2015 Chapter Financial Statements, required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been mailed to all Chapter Chairpersons. Please note that the *suspense date is 10 April 2016*. The Statements need to be *received* at the National Office by that date via mail or email. All Chapters must either file with the National office or complete a tax filing on their own. Chapters cannot simply fail to file. Chapters that do not file will be looked at, by the Board of Directors, to be dissolved.
- 12. **TAPS:** When reporting Members who have passed away, *please* include as much information as possible, to include, date of death, spouse's name, and unit(s) served. A copy of the obituary is also very helpful.
- 13. **2015 & 2016 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 2015 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2016 should arrive at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2016. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. Thank you for your continued support!
- 14. **FORGIVEN REBATES:** The following Veteran Chapters have opted out of receiving their 2011/2012 Chapter rebates in an effort to assist the Association in removing its debts:

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| 1) T.E. Beikes Indianapolis | 2) Texas Lone Star | 3) Palm Beach County |
| 4) Gateway | 5) Akron | 6) Wolverine |
| 7) Kentucky | 8) Oklahoma | 9) Acadiana |
| 10) Benavidez-Patterson | 11) ISG Funk MOH | 12) GEN Ridway |

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13) Ben Vandervoort
16) Jacksonville
19) Central Pennsylvania

14) Badger State
17) The Evergreen State
20) James Etherton-Detroit

15) Southern California
18) Central Ohio

If your Chapter has not opted out yet it can be accomplished by simply providing the National office with a letter, signed by the Chapter Chairman, relieving us of the debt. I ask you to please consider helping the National office as we work hard to remove all our debts, and so we can use these funds to better support our Active Duty Troopers.

- 15. CHAPTER REFUNDS:** Chapter refunds are the portion of the membership fee that goes to the local Chapter that the member elects to be in. If the membership application comes directly to the National office, from the applicant, the National office sends the Chapter portion to the local Chapters. This will be done twice a year. You will receive refunds for the period of January to June, and the period of July to December. These payments will be sent to the Chapters via PayPal. If you have a PayPal account, you will receive an email telling you that the funds have gone directly into your PayPal account. If you do not have a PayPal account you will receive an email telling you to contact PayPal to tell them where you want the funds sent. This method will be much more secure than mailing checks, and much easier to track that payments are made.
- 16. 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 www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).
- a. Mid-Winter Weekend Getaway, 25-28 February 2016 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171 or airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa.
- b. 2016 Annual Airborne Awards Festival, 13-16 April 2016 is at College Park, GA and is hosted by Donald D. Lassen Atlanta All Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is Atlanta Airport Marriott. Please go to the Events tab at the Association's website for more information.
- 17. 2nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our second Annual 50/50 even more successful than last year's raffle. Attached is the flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2016 during the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 70th National Convention.
- 18. FACEBOOK PAGE:** '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!* We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

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19. THANK YOU: I want to thank all the Chapters for working so hard to make our Association the great organization it is. I hope together we can make it an even better organization that truly makes a difference for our Veterans, Active Duty Troopers, Wounded Warriors, and all their Families. AATW!

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and good health in 2016.

In addition, we ask that you continue to remember our Armed Forces, especially those deployed in harms way, and our recovering Wounded Warrior. 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
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BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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