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PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

- 1. 78th ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The Association's 78th Annual Convention will be held in Orlando, FL. The dates for the Convention are 14-17 August 2024. The Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL is once again hosting the Association. The Association has held numerous Conventions at this awesome Hotel and Convention Center and anyone who has attended in the past knows that a great time will be had by all.



Association Registration is \$195 per person and includes food, snacks and drinks in the hospitality room, as well as two formal dinners – the Memorial Dinner and the Airborne Banquet. Registration must be received by July 25. The registration fee increases to \$225 on July 26.

The Rosen Centre is offering room rates at \$94 per night, plus tax. The hotel reservations cutoff date is July 10, 2024. Starting July 11, the room rate goes up to \$106 per night. Hotel rates are for registered members only. Please make your reservations early as space is limited. [82nd Airborne Div. Assoc, Annual Convention 2024 Online Hotel Booking Link](#)

We will be adding a link to our website under Events that will provide a link to Visit Orlando which will link various discounts in the Orlando area for our registered guests

Information regarding registration and hotel reservations is available on our website at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or scan the QR code to go to the Events (No. 1 above).

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2024:** The AAW 2024 is 20 – 23 May 2024. Registration is \$155 per person, and will increase to \$180 per person after May 5, 2024, for late registration, so register early! The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 23 May, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 20 May and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 22 May, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 20 - 23 May. Registration forms and online registration will be available by the end of the week. Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk located in one of the suites on the first floor at Moon Hall



Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall). The Registered Member rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes a buffet breakfast. Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms: IHG Army Hotel

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(Airborne Inn-Moon Hall), Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) Iharmyhotels.com, Group code: AAW.

If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not receive the discounted hotel rates, nor be able to stay in our block of rooms! There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.



We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at AAW. A great time will be had by all and you don't want to miss this!

Online Registration and mail in Registration forms for All American Week is available online at <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

- DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND:** The ability of the Association to continue its mission relies on the support of our chapter and members. Our members continue to ask for the Association to support Troopers and Veterans of our Association, but we can't accomplish it without your support. The Association also would have the ability to do more in honoring our history with more funding provided by our members and supporters. Do you think our Association should do more? If your answer is 'yes', the national leadership agrees, but it cannot happen without your help. Be part of a better Association and send us your donation. Any donations, big or small, will help move us in a better direction. The 82nd Airborne Division is the Greatest Division in the world. Let's ensure its Association is also the greatest Divisional Association in the world. Donate now to your Association!

Donate anything you can by going to our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html> or send a check to our office, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304. We are okay, but we should be so much more than just okay. We are the 82nd Airborne Division Association and should be great, not okay. But we will only be great if our Members choose to support us in being great. *All donations are tax deductible.*

- ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2024 All American of the Year and Communications and Public Relations Award. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2024. All submissions can be sent to Director Brian Severino at: severino@82ndairborneassociation.org
- NATIONAL DIRECTORS FOR 2024:** On 1 January 2024, the following Troopers are on the 82nd Airborne Division Association 2024 Board of Directors:

Director Gary Covey
 Director Ronald Dahlgren
 Director Michael Oesch
 Director Joseph Steen
 Director Robert Burkhart
 Director Cletus Slabach

Director Lawrence Slavicek
 Director David Mayville
 Director Brian Severino
 Director Larry Stewart
 Director Alberto Aviles
 Director Darren Cinatl



6. NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2024:

Director Gary Covey – President

Director Michael Oesch – Secretary

Director Larry Slavicek - Vice President

Past President Steve Copening – Treasurer

7. NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS: We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2025 Board of Directors. These are very important positions within the Association and ones that will allow members to assist the Association in its continued success.

8. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION: This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2024:

a. Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division and WIAs: Assistance to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82nd Trooper. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82nd Fallen Trooper Family Fund.

b. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year: Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82nd Airborne Divisions Jumpmaster, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Trooper of the Year at our annual dinner during AAW. On the final evening of AAW, the Leadership and Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division join the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members as we present these outstanding Troopers with awards to recognize their accomplishments (accomplished through Association and corporate donations).

c. All American Adventure 2024: The plan is to send twenty 82nd Airborne Division Troopers on a 4-day resiliency trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment, this project uses donations from Association Members and Chapters, and Corporate sponsorship to accomplish this project. This trip usually takes place in June, provided we are able to secure funding for our Troopers. Help us in providing an avenue to assist our 82nd Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.



d. Airborne Night Out: Our Association is coordinating with local sporting teams to give both our Active Duty Troopers and Veterans a much deserved “Night Out”. Our veterans and Active Duty Troopers work hard and deserve a little recreation from time to time. These Troopers will be able to come together and celebrate the comradery shared between previous and current Paratroopers while enjoying a catered meal and ball game at no charge to the participants.



e. **Holiday Troop Support 2024:** This will be our 9th Annual “Holiday Troop Support” and we will again provide over 1000 meals to young Troopers and their Families over the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to insure the Families of young 82nd Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season. *These events will be conducted November and December 2024. Please support our 82nd Troopers!*



f. **Let’s Walk It Out 222:** This year, the Association will be partnering with the Let’s Walk It Out 222 organization in an effort to raise money to prevent veteran suicide. The Association will be a title sponsor of the event where we will complete a 222 mile ruck march while raising funds to build awareness and support veteran suicide prevention programs. Please visit their site at [Let's Walk It Out - 222 Mile Ruck March \(letswalkitout.org\)](https://letswalkitout.org)

9. **ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters!* 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/or on the Association’s website at the following link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.

a. **Airborne Spring Break,** hosted by the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter. Their website can be found at <https://tbaac.com> or on Facebook.

10. **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 to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Director(s) in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Director(s). Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Director(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website Events page.

11. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):

- a. 1 February 2024 – Chapter Officers for 2024. *Past due.*
- b. 1 February 2024 – 2023 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2024 Chapter Schedule. *Past due.*
- c. 10 April 2024 – 2023 Chapter financial reports.
- d. 1 May 2024 – 2024 All American Week Delegate nominations
- e. 30 June 2024 – Nominations for 2025 National Director.
- f. 1 July 2024 – All American of the Year and Public Relations Award Nominations.
- g. 20 July 2024 – 2024 Convention Delegate nominations.

12. **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHAPTERS:** Chapters need to be cautious when using images, cartoons, etc., that are found on the internet, on your websites, newsletters, etc. If it has a copyright, you can be leaving yourselves open to litigation. This has happened to a Chapter recently and we hope to avoid other Chapters from having to deal with this issue. Always search to ensure items do not have a copyright prior to using.



- 13. USE OF ASSOCIATION NAME FOR POLITICAL STANCES:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association shall *in no way* use official communications of any type to relay political stances. This includes, but is not limited to, correspondence using Association letterhead, email addresses, websites or any other social media. Members will not make any political statements while representing themselves as 82nd Airborne Division Association Members, nor shall any Association or Chapter meetings be used in any way to relay political opinions or party affiliations. Neither the Association nor any of its Chapters will discriminate against or support any organization solely on the grounds of their political standings. We are not in the business of politics and will not support any political organizations.
- 14. CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS:** There are required Chapter documents that must be sent to the National Office. All required reports are listed in this bulletin and are referenced as REQUIRED. **Required Chapter documents are *not optional* and are required for the Chapters to maintain their non-profit 501(c)4 status.** Any Chapter that does not submit the required documents will be reported to the Board of Directors, and be subject to closure by the Board of Directors. There are only a few documents required to be submitted every year by the Chapter Chairman, and they must be completed. *We have created a standard form for all required annual reports. Master forms can be found on our website at the following link: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>*.
If the necessary information is not included in the reports or the standardized reports are not used, the Chapter will be asked to resubmit with the required information or on the correct form.
- 15. 2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: PAST DUE. **1 February 2024.** The list of the Chapter Officers that will be serving in the year of 2024 should include, name, position and contact information. *If your Chapter elects Officers within the year of 2024, you must notify the National Office immediately so that we can update our records.* We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form. **These documents must be submitted every year whether there are changes or not.**
- 16. 2023/2024 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: PAST DUE. **1 February 2024.** 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 2023 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2024, is a requirement. We have created a standard form (click or go to the link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that format.
- 17. 2023 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: **10 April 2024.** 2023 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to the Chapter email accounts in January 2024. If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman, stating that the Chapter has filed their taxes separately from the Association. The financial statements can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or mailed to the office.

Those Chapters that failed to submit financial reports for 2022 and 2023 will receive a letter, from the National Office, announcing the Board of Directors intent to review the Chapters status for possible revocation of the Chapter charter through the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Below is a list of all Association Chapters.



Those that are highlighted in yellow have returned their completed 2023 Financial Statement to the National Office:

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Acadiana	Akron	Alvin C York
Badger State	Ben Vandervoort	Blue Ridge AA
Cal-Nevada AA	Central NY AA	Central Ohio AA
Central PA	Chicago	Cohort
COL Reuben Ticker	Cornhusker	CPL Edward Slavin
CSM Ray Verdugo Memorial	Daniel Campbell AA	Don Lassen/Atlanta AA
Evergreen State	Gateway	GEN Dennis Via Signal AA
GEN M B Ridgway	Golden Gate	Greater Daytona AA
Greater Hartford	Greater Rochester NY AA	Hajdak/Mokan Philadelphia
Hampton Roads All Service	Idaho AA	Jacksonville AA
James Etherton Detroit	John Steele	John Towle MOH-Cleveland
Kentucky Airborne	Lehigh Valley	London Bridge
Low Country AA	Lozado/Rubio/Conde-PR	LTG James Gavin
Mid-America	Mid-Michigan	NJ CPL Steven Koch AA
New York	Niagara Frontier AA	Northern Central FL AA
North Texas	Northeastern PA	Northern Michigan AA
Oklahoma AA	Orlando AA	Phoenix-Joseph Schwan
Rocky Mountain	Benavidez-Patterson AA	San Diego AA
San Joaquin Valley	SGT Chris Pusateri AA	South Florida AA
South Texas	Southern Arizona	Southern Wisconsin
Space Coast AA	St. Michael's AA	Tampa Bay AA
Texas Lone Star	Tillman Beikes Indianapolis	Toledo
Virginia State	Vulcan	Walter Hughes/Tri-State
Washington DC	West Virginia AA	Western Upper Peninsula
Wolverine AA	Andrews Bostick Grimes Central TX	

18. E-NEWS BULLETIN: *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who insure they shared their email address with the Association will 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 links to our Bulletins, the Paraglide Magazine, and Flyers and Registration forms for Association Event. If you are not receiving the E-news bulletin to your email just send us your email address and we will 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!

19. 10th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Tickets for our 10th Annual 50/50 Raffle will be available on our website shortly. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 17 August 2024, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 78th National Convention. *You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter!* Raffle tickets can be found, when available, on our website, on the main page, and under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.



20. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT LIBERTY: Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Army and the Division, sign up for our E-News bulletin and go to the Division’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>

21. 82nd AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association’s co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the silk on the front. It’s a very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to: www.usaa.com/82nd . When applying online, once you are approved for a card, you will be given the choice of adding the Airborne design. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

22. Facebook/Instagram Page: ‘Like Us’ at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/> and <https://www.instagram.com/82ndairbornedivisionassoc> *This is the ONLY official Facebook/Instagram page of the Association.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: President and Mrs. Covey, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish everyone a very St. Patrick’s Day.



Our success would not be possible without the support of our members! It is an honor to serve in this outstanding Association with all of you and we wish you continued health and safety. We hope to see you soon again soon at National and Chapter events. As always, please continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers as our Troopers deploy to do our Nation’s missions. We wish them a safe return.

Gary L. Covey
National President

OFFICIAL:
James Grimes
Executive Director