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- 1. REQUEST FOR NAMES OF 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO CAN AND WANT TO TRAVEL:** The Association is trying to secure financing to support all travel expenses for any of our WW II, 82nd Airborne Division Members who wish to attend the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France and that wish to attend the 82nd Airborne Division Association's 2019 Convention in Washington D.C. Please quickly get me the names of any of these WW II members who wish to and can travel to these events. In order to request support for the financing, we must know what our costs will be. Please let us know by phone at (910)223-1182 or by email at execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. Thank you for your assistance.
- 2. WW II VETERAN INFORMATION:** The Association is also updating our information on all of our WW II Veterans who are still with us so that we can insure that we maintain contact with them. We are in the process of attempting to contact all of the names we have listed so that we can keep contact with them by whatever means necessary. If you have any information that can assist us, please contact us by phone or email. We don't have many of these members left and we want to insure we recognize the ones that we can. The Association is conducting a ceremony at the WW II Memorial in Washington DC on 7 Aug 2019, during our Annual Convention to remember the sacrifices of our WW II Troopers and we are hoping to have them in attendance, or at the very least send them a video copy of the ceremony and recognize them, by name, at the ceremony. We wish to make this a complete list of all Troopers still with us and ask for your help in this. If you email us, please put "WW II Veteran" in the subject line. Once we have verified the list we have, and any additions we receive, we will post the list to the Chapters so that we can insure we are not leaving any out.

We also want to insure we track their status so that we can possibly arrange visits to them by National Officers or Chapter Members. There may be some out there that we don't know about and we want to insure we have the chance to assure them that they are not forgotten. Last year, we had a 82nd WW II Veteran who was in hospice and had not stayed in contact with us for many years. His family contacted the Association and told us that he didn't have much time left, and all he was talking about was his time with the 82nd. The next day he received a call in his room from both the Division CSM and me to thank him for his service and let him know he was in our prayers. His family said it perked him up and meant the world to him. They thanked us and we told them it was our honor to speak with him. He was a Hero and would not be forgotten. I attended his funeral soon after and his family asked me to speak. It was a

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truly proud and humble moment for me and I hope I did him proper honor. We owe this much to all our Veterans. Always try to be there for them when you can.

3. **IRS NOTIFICATIONS:** Once again, the IRS is sending letters to some of our Chapters stating that their Form 990 has not been sent in. We have confirmed with our accountant that all forms have been turned in and were on time. If you receive one of these notifications, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail. Our accountant will correct this issue with the IRS with no further action needed by the Chapter.
4. **2019 CONVENTION:** The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will be hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and Operation Market Garden. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, but will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S ORME ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82nd Airborne Division Association. There will be a web link set up soon, but for now only calling in is available. The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is available on our website under "Events". The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.
5. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, and Market Garden. Registration for AAW 2019 is open. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under "Events". Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for a regular room and \$78+ tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. **Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available or given a different price.** Registration for AAW 2019 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in registration which is located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110.
6. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** **If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division, we need funds to make it happen.** Your support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many Association programs, such as Hurricane Florence Troop Support, Holiday Troop Support, the All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. If we don't support our Troopers, who will? No more saying 'next time' or the Association doesn't need the money anyway or our Chapter having a Christmas party is more important than helping our young Troops. I hear a lot of

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talk from members about how the Association should support our young active duty Troopers, and now we are. Now it is time for everyone to step up and help us to support them. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Any donation will help us. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the DONATE button in the upper right corner of the Association’s Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at:
P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations made to the Association Ed Fund or the Wounded Warrior Fund go directly to the respective funds and do not support the Association General Fund. Therefore, it is necessary for the Association to obtain donations directly.

7. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2019, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>)

Nominations should include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee. Please include the nominee’s qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be Completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

*Richard Becker
Laurie Clay

Gary Covey
Steven Holcomb

*Garfield Lyons
Jose Perez-Ortiz

8. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2019 CONVENTION:** *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter’s concerns addressed at the Delegates’ meeting, you must send in your Chapter delegate certification form.* Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2019 and the Convention by 31 July 2019. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Recourses on the Quick Links button. Forms and Resources are located at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>

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

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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 1 May 2019. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

9. **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 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. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS**: Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officers (EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES) to National as soon as possible so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. Please be sure to give newly elected Chairman access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
11. **2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: 2018 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 all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January 2019. *If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.*
12. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT**: This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of the first Certificate is \$10.00, which includes shipping and handling. Each additional Certificate is \$5.00
13. **USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP**: Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. Chapter forms do not always relay the correct information, or all necessary information, and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of January 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.
14. **CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**: Chapter membership reports are being formatted and sent to Chapters over the next few weeks. We will also be sending a schedule of when the reports will be sent to each Chapter so that you will know when to expect them. Please try to send back your reports within 30 days so that we have time to update them before they are sent out again. We only have one part time

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worker to do all these reports, so she will need time to correct them and get them out. We are sending several report formats to you that we hope will be easier for you to work with and ask that you let us know if you have any problems with them or need help with figuring anything out. Please send reports to Laura at execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org

15. CHAPTER EMAIL ACCOUNTS: As you may already know, we experienced problems with all of our email accounts in January 2019. Our email provider was not very helpful with remedying the problem so we, therefore, moved all of our email accounts to a better provider. You should have already received this information, and information on changing your passwords. With the problem, we also had emails lost that were sent to us, so I ask that if you had sent us an email in January, and have not received a response, please resend us the email to insure we can respond. We regret this inconvenience and are working hard to correct the problems.

All Chapter related emails will be sent to the Chapter email accounts so that we can better track that Chapters receive them. Please look over your Chapter email accounts. It will allow you to put all of your members in as contacts and group them so that you can send out emails to the group by entering only one email address. It also allows you to create and store documents for your Chapter and a lot more. There are tutorials on the email site on how to use them and we hope you find the site useful. It will enable you to pass this information easily to new officers by simply giving them access to the email site. When needed, you can change the passwords to insure it is only accessed by those you deem needing to have it. Not everyone needs to access this site and we suggest that, at most, only Chapter Officers are given access. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will try to work with you on it.

16. CHAPTER OPENINGS AND CLOSURES: We regret to inform you that several Chapters of the Association will be closing. These closures are due to membership participation dwindling over the years. It is regrettable, but it does happen as communities change and members get older and less able to participate. These Chapters held many great events and spread the Airborne spirit throughout their communities and we are sad to see them go. We will be contacting the Members of these Chapters in order to transfer their memberships to another Chapter. If there is no Chapter nearby, there is also the option of choosing an All Airborne Chapter that may have membership throughout the country. We will work with you on choosing the best option for you.

On a good note, we also have several new Chapters that have started over the last few years, and a few Members that are working to start new Chapters in their areas or as All Airborne Chapters. If you do not currently belong to a local or All Airborne Chapter, please contact us so that we can help get you set-up in one. We have had numerous Members who have not been affiliated with a Chapter since leaving the Military that are calling to check on their memberships and we have been able to direct them to a local Chapter. These are Members who are looking to get back into the Airborne community, so if you receive an email from us with their contact information, please contact them and welcome them back to the Airborne community. I am sure they will help to strengthen your Chapters, and the Association.

The Chapters that will be closing are: Alamo Chapter, Connecticut Yankee Chapter, Keystone All Airborne Chapter, Lobo Chapter, Mississippi Chapter, Reed T. Torrence-Clyde J. Thomas 503/80 ABN

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Chapter, Roanoke All Airborne Chapter, Ross Carter/Appalachian Chapter, Viking Chapter, 555 PIB Memorial Chapter.

These Chapters are not officially closed yet. If there is anyone who is able, and would be willing to revive these Chapters, please contact the National Office and we will gladly work with you to bring them back.

New Chapters: St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter and GEN Dennis L. Via Signal All Airborne Chapter.

17. **ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage on the Forms and Resources page to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter Continuity and Chapter Startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed. Forms and Resources link: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>
18. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
 - a. 2018 Financial Statement due 10 April 2019
 - b. Delegate Certification for All American Week due 1 May 2019
 - c. Nominations for 2020 National Director due 1 June 2019
 - d. Delegate Certification for National Convention due 31 July 2019
19. **82d 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 . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
20. **E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association 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 information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can 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!
21. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
22. **ASSOCIATION 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. If you would like to have the Association

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President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.

- a. 7th Annual Kentucky Airborne Reunion, 28 Feb-3 March 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Waller 502-306-4770. The host hotel is **Four Points by Sheraton Lexington**: 855-516-1090.
- b. Airborne Awards Festival 3-6 April, 2019 in Columbus, Georgia is hosted by the Don Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Jim Jenkins 770-564-3546 or Al Fracker 770-842-4345. The host Hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn at 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. Reservations: 706-660-1000, mention All Airborne.
- c. 57th Annual All Ohio Days, 11-13 October 2019 in Lockburne, Ohio is hosted by the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Andrew Ritter at 937-570-5603 or Tom Simmons at 910-987-7467. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus at Sciota Downs in Lockburne, reservations 614-491-3800.
- d. Hilton Head Weekend, 19-22 October 2019 in Hilton Head, South Carolina is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/HHI All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Eberle at 843-682-4171; email - airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. HOTEL RESERVATIONS 888-511-5086, <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>

23. 5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Let's make our 5th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73rd National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

24. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>. *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 or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

25. ASSOCIATION BLAZERS: The Association has been contacted by a company interested in selling Blazers that are 82nd Airborne Division Association specific. The inside design would be Association specific. The buttons would be the Association Logo, and the Blazer pocket Association emblem can be embroidered directly onto the left pocket, instead of the separate piece we now have. The blazers are not cheap. They are around \$289. We would have to have at least 40 orders to even begin the project. If there are enough members who are interested in purchasing a Blazer, I will look into it further and provide more information. This is not an Association project, but if members are interested, we will help put it together so that we could get the 40 purchases needed to start an order. If we do move forward, once I have the list of names you will deal directly with the company. Again, this is not an Association

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project, but we will help members with starting the process, if there are enough members interested. Please let me know if you want more information.



President Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses want to wish to thank all Members for their service and to wish everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day!

We especially want to thank all our members for their service and helping the Association have another successful year. Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. At any given time, there are those of our Armed Forces deployed to secure our freedom and to help those in need. We wish them a safe return.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary J. Rezabek".

Gary Rezabek
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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