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

1. **2021 CONVENTION:** Our 2021 Convention will be in Houston, Texas sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. They are already working out the planning. Information and registration is available at the National website: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> and the Lone Star Chapter's website: <https://texaslonestar82.org/convention.html>
2. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2021:** We have begun planning of our AAW 2021 event which is scheduled for 24 – 27 May 2021. The AAW festivities will be a great event and one you will not want to miss.

Hotel reservations have been arranged for Association members at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall) for \$75/night for a standard queen room (up to 2 people per room) + tax, and includes 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 (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall), Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg, NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) lhgarmyhotels.com (**Group code: AAW**).

Registration for AAW is \$120 per person. After May 7, 2021, registration will increase to \$140 per person. Online registration, as well as a printable registration form and flyer are now on our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

We will keep you apprised of any changes/updates that occur due to COVID-19 via our website and Facebook page.

3. **2020 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2020 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 January 21 - 22, 2021. Your financial statements are due to the National Office by 15 April 2021. If your Financial Statement is not received by 15 April 2021, you must file separately. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Chapters that fail to file tax returns with the IRS are subject to having the Board of Directors removing their Charter, and closure of the Chapter. 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

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to the office. Any Chapter not following these procedures are liable to have their Chapter Charter removed.

4. **IRS NOTIFICATION REGARDING 2019 TAX FILING:** Once again, the IRS is sending notifications to some of our chapters stating that the required annual return has not been filed. We have filed the return and we do not know why these keep going out. If you sent your 2019 return to the National office on time, your chapter has been included in the group return. If you have received this notification, please either email to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or send via mail to the office and we will submit to our accountant to address with the IRS. If you did not send your return to the National Office, you will have to contact the IRS directly.

Regarding those chapters that have notified us, our accountant has sent a letter to the IRS explaining, that these chapters are part of the Group filing and should not be getting these notifications. He also asked for a written response that this matter has been resolved. We will keep you apprised of the status. This issue may occur due to our requesting extensions because some Chapters are filing their financial statements late to the National Office. The National Office will no longer request extensions, nor will we file for Chapters that are late in sending their financial statements. We will not continue to have Chapters that are doing the reports properly receive these notices due to Chapters filing after the due date. The date for submittal to the National Office this year is 15 April 2021. **We will not accept any financial reports after 15 April 2021 and the Chapters will have to file separately for that year.** If a Chapter does not file, they are in jeopardy of having their Charter revoked by the Board of Directors.

5. **REQUEST FOR CHAPTER 501(c)3 STATUS DENIED:** The IRS has denied the request for our Association Chapters to receive 501(c)3 status. With this denial, the Chapters remain at a 501(c)4 tax status.
6. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL DIRECTORS:** 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 2021, 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):

*Steve Copening
*Bill Waller

*Bill Bell
*Maggie Peppers

*Nero Tucker
Rich Becker



7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2021 AAW AND 2021 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 2021 and the Convention by 31 July 2021. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Resources 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 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, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which are 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 2021. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

8. **NEW CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT FORMS:** The National office has created new forms for the Chapters to use for submitting their annual reports. The new forms are: the Annual Year End Report, the Annual Chapter Officer Notification form and the Annual Chapter Schedule for Upcoming Year. These forms have been emailed to the chapter email accounts and are available on our website under Resources
9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** *When your Chapter elects Officers, you must notify the National Office so that we can update our records.* Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. We have created a new form which includes all the information needed. (Please see No. 7 above) For continuity and to be sure we have all the information we need, please use only the forms above. Please complete the officer form annually, **EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** *Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account.* If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
10. **2020/2021 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 2020 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2021 should arrive, either emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or mailed to the National Headquarters by February 28, 2021. (Please see No. 7 above). Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. Thank you for your continued support!
11. **2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION:** The Association sponsored 2021 Alumni book information gathering period has ended, and the publishing phase has begun. The book release date is planned for June-July 2021. If you have any questions concerning your purchase or are still interested in



purchasing the book, you can contact the publisher directly at 1-800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com

12. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - The 82nd Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82nd Airborne Division bourbon bottle. It is now available through Boundary Oak Distillery. The Association will not be selling the bottle. It is becoming available in more and more states. In August 2020, the bottle became available at numerous Class Six stores and you can also work with a local liquor store to order these bottles. It is an awesome dedication to the Division and has already sold over 19,000 bottles. The Maroon Wax seal bottles are currently on sale, and the next bottle to be released is the white wax bottle. It will give the opportunity to collect the Red, White, and Blue versions of the bottles, which are the National flag colors, and also the colors of the 82nd Airborne Division. We have also posted images of the bottle on our Facebook page with links to how to purchase the bottle. Members who have purchased and tasted the Bourbon have been very impressed. I think the Association has done an excellent job in selecting and designing this bottle and if you have not looked into it yet, I urge you to do so.



To order call:
270-351-2013

13. ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS: Due to the Corona Virus pandemic, until further notice Directors will not be attending any events. However, you can invite them for Zoom meetings and events.

14. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION: This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2021:

- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide 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.
- 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 All American Week (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. **3rd Annual All American Adventure 2021:** 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 will take place in June 2021, 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



All American Adventure 2019

- d. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division:** Our Association stands ready to provide support to our Deployed Troopers as they protect our Nation. The more donations we receive the more we can do to support our Troopers while they are deployed. Help us to show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.
- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2021:** This year will be our 6th 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.
- f. **Increasing Support for Spouses and Dependent Children of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is currently looking into projects to increase our support of the Dependent Children of our 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes. We believe it is our obligation to work to ensure continued support of these Dependent Children and we are working hard to develop plans and funding to accomplish it. We will provide more information as our planning progresses.



15. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND: We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations have caused the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, to help make up for these losses of funds. Several Association Chapters have stepped up to the challenge and provided awesome funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2021 will take funding and we hope you will see the value in these projects. Please help us to realize the success of all our upcoming projects so that we can continue to Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.

16. WEBSITE UPDATES: Over the next few months we will be making updates to our website. This should not cause any issues for your use, but if you are unable to enter certain pages please check back later to see if the problem persists. If it does, please call our office for assistance.



- 17. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the Quick Links / Forms & Resources folder and under the Resources tab on our website to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter Continuity and Chapter Startup, as well as forms needed for annual reports. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.
- 18. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. 2020 Chapter Activities Report and 2021 Chapter Schedule due 28 February 2021
 - b. Chapter financial reports due to National Office by 15 April 2021
 - c. Delegate Certification for All American Week due 1 May 2021
 - d. Nominations for 2022 National Director due 1 June 2021
 - e. Delegate Certification for National Convention due 31 July 2021
- 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 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 Fliers 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!
- 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 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. All American Week 2021 – May 24 -27, 2021: Please see our website for more information. <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>



- b. 2021 Annual National Convention – August 11 -15, 2021: Our 2021 Convention will be in Houston, Texas sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. Please see our website for more information. <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

23. 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! To ensure you are at the correct Facebook Page, look for the Association Logo on the page. If you see the Association Logo, you are on the right page.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted. Our site is only to keep Members informed of Association operations and to foster the spirit of the Airborne Community. Please join and like our page. We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted, or will be hosting, to share with our members!

President Copenig, 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!



Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance 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 that we will be able to see you again soon at National and Chapter events. In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Steve Copenig
National President

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Bill Bauer
Executive Director