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

- 77th ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The information regarding registration and events and the hotel for the 77th Annual Convention in Washington, DC has been emailed to our Members and is on our website at:



<https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
or scan the QR code to go the Association Events page.

Event QR Code



It will be a great convention that celebrates our Army and Airborne Heritage as well as honoring the service of our Fallen. It also leaves plenty of time for comradery with our Airborne Family. Join us in an amazing Airborne week and support the Washington, DC Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.



- ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2023:** The AAW 2023 is 22 – 25 May 2023. Registration is \$150 per person, and will increase to \$175 per person after May 5, 2023, for late registration, so register early! The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 25 May, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 22 May and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 24 May, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 22 - 25 May. Registration forms and online registration are available on our website:



<https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or scan the QR code (No. 2 above) to go to the Association Event page.

Upon arrival, be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk located in one of the suites on the 1st floor at Moon Hall.



Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members only*, 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 (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall), Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) ihgarmyhotels.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.

“America’s Guard of Honor”

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



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!

- DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND:** In the Jan.-Feb 2023 Bulletin, we published our total expenses for 2021, with a breakdown of some of the operating expenses versus how much money we receive from membership. There was a great gap between membership income and expenses (including the expenses incurred from our Projects - Holiday Troop Support, All American Adventure, awards to Troopers, support to deployed Troopers, and funding to support Troopers and families in extraordinary circumstances).

So, you might ask “where do we get the money to do all this?” The answer is simple, but not easy to do. We work hard at donations. We work very hard at bringing in donations, and to be truthful, most of our members do not give anything annually to help us complete our mission, and to support the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Many Members feel that being a Member of the Association is about having a membership card and not about being a supportive member of the Association and the Division.

There are Members and Chapters that do a great job supporting our mission and our projects, however, many have not supported the Association in years. We call this our Association, but many are not helping to ensure its success. We need the support of our members – we need you. Support your 82nd Airborne Division Association now. Show our Troopers that you care.

We are not asking for large amounts of funds, but if every Member gave even \$10 a year it would go a long way toward the success of the Association. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your contribution is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by law.

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.

- PAYMENT OF CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES (CHAPTER REFUNDS):** This is the portion of membership dues received directly by the National Office, and to be paid to the Chapter selected by the member upon registration, as per the Association By-laws, Article II-Membership, Section 1, Paragraph E, Subparagraph 1, Items a-c, for. These refunds will be calculated and a list of refunds due will be sent to the related Chapters next week. If there are no issues with the published list we will begin distributing the funds.
- 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 2023, 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 Copenig
Nero Tucker

*Steven Daughtery
William Waller

William Bell
Maggie Peppers

6. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2023 CONVENTION:** As per the 82nd Airborne Division Association By-Laws, Article IV, Section 7, the Chapter Chairman or a designated representative must attend Delegate meetings of the Association. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2023 and the Convention by 20 July 2022. If you are unable to send a delegate you must receive an excusal from the Association President. To receive an excusal, you can send a request for excusal to the National Office and we will submit to the President for approval. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2023 and the Convention by 20 July 2023. 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: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>

7. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2023 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2023. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org

8. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2023:
 - 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 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 2023:** 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. **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 show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.

- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2023:** This will be our 8th 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.



- 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. NONE SCHEDULED

- 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).

- 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 2023 – Chapter Officers for 2023. **PAST DUE.**
- b. 1 February 2023 – 2022 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2023 Chapter Schedule. **PAST DUE.**
- c. 10 April 2023 – 2022 Chapter financial reports.
- d. 1 May 2023 - AAW Delegate
- e. 1 June 2023 – Nominations for 2024 National Director
- f. 1 July 2023 – All American of the Year and Public Relations Award Nominations
- g. 20 July 2023 - Convention Delegate



- 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. 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. Please use only that form, which was emailed to your Chapter email in January 2023 and is available on our website:* <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.
- 14. 2023 CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: **1 February 2023. PAST DUE.** The list of the Chapter Officers that will be serving in the year of 2023 should include, name, position and contact information. *If your Chapter elects Officers within the year of 2023, 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.**
- 15. 2022/2023 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: **1 February 2023. PAST DUE.** 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 2022 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2023, 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.
- 16. 2022 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: **10 April 2023.** 2022 Chapter Financial Statements, which are *required* to be furnished by all Association, have been emailed to the Chapter email in January 2023. **Your financial statements are due to the National Office by 10 April 2023.** If your Financial Statement is not received by 10 April 2023, you must file separately. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any financial reports not received by this date will need to be filed by the chapter separately, and at the cost of the chapter. Chapters that fail to file tax returns with the IRS are subject to having the Board of Directors remove their Charter, and close 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 to the office. Any Chapter not following these procedures are liable to have their Chapter Charter removed.

Below is a list of all Association Chapters. Those that are highlighted in yellow have returned their completed 2022 Financial Statement to the National Office:

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307th ENG BN

508 Airborne



Acadiana
 Badger State
 Cal-Nevada AA
 Central PA
 COL Reuben Ticker
 CSM Ray Verdugo Memorial
 Evergreen State
 GEN M B Ridgway
 Greater Hartford
 Hampton Roads All Service
 James Etherton Detroit
 Kentucky Airborne
 Low Country AA
 Mid-America
 New York
 North Texas
 Oklahoma AA
 Rocky Mountain
 San Joaquin Valley
 South Texas
 Space Coast AA
 Texas Lone Star
 Virginia State
 Washington DC
 Wolverine AA

Akron
 Ben Vandervoort
 Central NY AA
 Chicago
 Cornhusker
 Daniel Campbell AA
 Gateway
 Golden Gate
 Greater Rochester NY AA
 Idaho AA
 John Steele
 Lehigh Valley
 Lozado/Rubio/Conde-PR
 Mid-Michigan
 Niagara Frontier AA
 Northeastern PA
 Orlando AA
 Benavidez-Patterson AA
 SGT Chris Pusateri AA
 Southern Arizona
 St. Michael's AA
 Tillman Beikes Indianapolis
 Vulcan
 West Virginia AA
 Andrews Bostick Grimes Central TX

Alvin C York
 Blue Ridge AA
 Central Ohio AA
 Cohort
 CPL Edward Slavin
 Don Lassen/Atlanta AA
 GEN Dennis Via Signal AA
 Greater Daytona AA
 Hajdak/Mokan Philadelphia
 Jacksonville AA
 John Towle MOH-Cleveland
 London Bridge
 LTG James Gavin
 NJ CPL Steven Koch AA
 Northern Central FL AA
 Northern Michigan AA
 Phoenix-Joseph Schwan
 San Diego AA
 South Florida AA
 Southern Wisconsin
 Tampa Bay AA
 Toledo
 Walter Hughes/Tri-State
 Western Upper Peninsula

17. 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!

18. 9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Tickets for our 9th Annual 50/50 Raffle will be available on our website shortly. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 77th 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.

19. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG: 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>



20. 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.

21. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/> *This is the ONLY official Facebook 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 to thank all Members for their service and wish you a very Happy St, Patrick's Day.



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 Covey
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director