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- 1. 2017 CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 71th National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL as well as for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the 82nd Division. Registration is \$100.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be The Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room. Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today!
<http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>

Posted online and also included in the Winter 2016 Paraglide is the 71st Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association and get their word out to a large portion of the Association Membership. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2017*.

Check out the 2017 82nd Airborne Division Association 71st Annual Convention – ORLANDO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/?fref=ts> for the latest updates. Also, look for updates on our website under Events.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division):** AAW 2017 is coming up quickly. If you have not yet registered, you should do so quickly. We are going to reach our room quota early this year, due to high demand, and we are already working with the hotel to insure that those reservations made under our block match with those who have registered with us for AAW, so that we can insure our members are getting rooms. The Division is going all out for the 100th Anniversary and you do not want to miss this year's events. Please look at the schedules we have posted online, but remember that there may be changes in times. We will post changes as we get them and we are working closely with Division to insure accuracy. The registration and flyer is published in the Winter Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. We are already close to passing the number of registrations this year that we had as of the first day of AAW last year. So please don't wait too long or expect to get reservations when you arrive. There may be no room by that time. Our Fayetteville Chapter is working hard on planning this year's Pig Roast BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises to outdo themselves again this year. We are very excited about this year's AAW celebration, and hope that many of our members are able to. We are sure you will have a great time that you will never forget, Our 100th Anniversary only happens once, and

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as one of our members tells me, I doubt anyone will be around for the 200th. Please make your reservations now.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is \$100 and we are sure you will find it money well spent. We are running out of AAW Challenge Coins quickly. If you have reserved them for pickup when you arrive at registration they are being held for you and will be with your registration packet. They are still available online at our website for those who want to have the coin, but will not be able to attend AAW, but again, they are going quick and will probably be gone soon. If you want to insure you get the second of what will be a complete set of five, over the next few years, order now. We will also have a small amount of last year's coins available online next month for anyone who did not have the opportunity to purchase one. At the end of the fifth coin's sales there will be a special coin holder available that will hold all these unique coins for showcase, so start collecting now while they are still available.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will again be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine, to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket and the approximate worth of the basket contents. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

3. **STATUS OF 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association has been granted 501(c)19 tax status by the IRS. This tax status makes donations to the Association eligible for tax exemption. We have not yet received the letter giving this status to each individual chapter, but expect it to come shortly, as we have already paid the \$3000 fee to have all chapters included in this tax exempt status. We will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.
4. **2016 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The 2016 Chapter Financial Statements have been sent out and are due at National by 10 April 2017. Any Statements not received by the suspense date will not be added to the Association Group Return and will be the responsibility of the Chapter for filing with the IRS. If you are having issues with your submission please contact the National Office for assistance. To date, the following Chapters have completed and returned their Statement:

Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI	Evergreen State	John Steele
Gateway	New York	North Central Florida
Oklahoma	Orlando	Rocky Mountain
Tampa Bay	1SG Leonard Fund	Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR

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 James Etherton/Detroit

Kentucky
 Acadiana
 San Joaquin Valley
 Southern Arizona
 Lehigh Valley
 Niagara Frontier
 North Jersey
 COL Reuben Tucker
 GEN MB Ridgway
 Blue Ridge
 West Virginia
 South Texas
 Greater Rochester
 Vulcan

- 5. NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by *1 July 2017*, 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.

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 completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

*Laurie Clay
 Ed. T. Herlihy

*Gary Covey
 Jose Perez-Ortiz

*Steven C. Holcomb
 Allen Schoppe

- 6. CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2017 CONVENTION:** Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by *1 May 2017* and the Convention by *31 July 2017*. 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

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be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which are available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues or concerns, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary, of each issue, to the National Office by *1 May 2017*. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda. Registration for Delegates to AAW are received by the National office. Registration for Delegates to the Annual convention are sent to the local Chapter through the online or write in registration for the convention. Registration forms for both of these events can be found on the events tab of the Association website:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

7. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Convention Agenda: Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board's review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 July 2017*.
 - b. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2017* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
 - c. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 July 2017*.
 - d. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *2 May 2017* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
 - e. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson. Changes are due *28 July 2017*.

8. **NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:**

Executive Director Bill Bauer - execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information from Chapters concerning questions from Chapter Chairmen, by-laws, by-law changes, Chapter start-ups or Chapter shut-downs, serious infractions by Association members, assistance from the National Office in running Chapter events, Chapter refunds for new and renewed memberships, donations, and any information the Chapter Chairmen deems necessary for the Executive Director's attention.

Executive Secretary Laura Bauer – execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information on Chapter financial statements, Chapter reports, Chapter events, TAPS submissions, arranging appointments, questions concerning our website, submission requests for items to be placed

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on our website, facebook and in the Paraglide (Not for submission of your Chapter Paraglide Article. They will continue to be sent to the Paraglide Editor), questions on All American Week registration, and any information that Chapters would like communicated to the entire Association.

Administrative Assistant Maggie Hollinger – asst@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for all information concerning membership. New membership, membership renewals, changes to membership information, submission of membership report changes, and any other information concerning membership.

9. **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>
10. **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. Please do not send them just in the Newsletters. We try to read them all, but sometimes we miss information, and please do not assume that that is our notice of a Member's passing.
11. **USAA CREDIT CARDS:** Please be aware that USAA converted all existing MasterCard accounts to VISA in 2016. The transition will have no impact on the current co-branded 82nd Airborne Division Association/USAA cardholders other than a new card being automatically issued.
12. **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 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. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 9-11 June 2017 is at Lafayette, LA and is hosted by the Acadiana Chapter. POC is Randy Vidrine 337-684-6175 or 337-288-2730. The host hotel is Ramada Inn US 167.
 - b. 40th Annual Airborne Awards Festival, 26-29 April 2017 is in Atlanta, GA and is hosted by the Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Atlanta Chapter. POC is Annette Purcell 678-592-7441. The host hotel is the Sheraton Atlanta Airport 770-997-1100.
13. **STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION POLICY:** Just a reminder to Chapter Officers and Association Members: The Association does *not* sponsor, nor lend its name in any way to parachute jumping activities, nor does it provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity, to include being in attendance. The Association policy also does not cover the sales, or consumption of any

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form of alcohol at Chapter events, but we can assist Chapters in obtaining special insurance riders for events. If you are unsure of an event, it is best to call and get a final answer than to assume it is covered and be proven wrong.

- 14. 3rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our 3rd Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. Attached is a flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71st National Convention. You do not have to be present to win!
- 15. 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 or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!
- 16. JROTC AWARDS:** At the request of one of our chapters we are looking into the cost of having a ribbon included with the JROTC medal, and for boxes to hold the set. Once we have acquired the pricing we will announce the costs for the Medal and ribbon, the medal and ribbon in a plastic case, and the medal and ribbon in a fancier case. Once we have announced the prices, and sent you examples of each, we will be asking chapters which sets they will want to purchase. We will have to show a desire by chapters to purchase a significant amount of each set to make them financially logical for us to acquire, since we will have to purchase them in bulk. We should have more information in the next couple of weeks. These will probably not be available in time for this year’s ceremonies, but will be available for next year.

President Herlihy and First Lady Joanne, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and look forward to seeing you at All American Week and the 71st Annual Convention. In addition, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are deploying this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Ed T. Herlihy
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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