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1. **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DUES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The BOD has approved the following changes to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Membership dues:

- a. There will no longer be a maintenance fee on the All-American Membership. The All-American Membership will be \$350 only, with no additional fees after 5 years, as had previously been dictated. This will also apply to anyone who obtained an All-American Membership since the fee was enacted. Plainly stated, no one will be charged a maintenance fee for their All-American Membership no matter when they obtained their Membership.
- b. The Membership fees for Active Duty Members currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division:
 - \$82 for E-1 to E-4.
 - \$150 for E-5 to E-7 and W-1 & W-2 and O-1 to O-3.
 - \$350 for all others: E-8 and E-9, W-3 and above, and O-4 and above.
 - The first year of an Annual Membership for Active Duty currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division will remain **FREE**. All following Annual Active Duty Membership dues will remain at \$35.

2. **74th ANNUAL CONVENTION: CANCELLED!**

All Members who had already registered for the Convention have been refunded or donated their registration dues to the Association, and we thank you for your support.

3. **2020 CONVENTION COIN AVAILABLE:** Even though the 2020 Convention has been cancelled,



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Lone Star Texas Chapter has produced a 74th Convention coin commemorating the 75th Anniversary of WWII Victory which is available for purchase. The price is \$15 per coin and postage is \$5.00 for 1-10 coins. Please make checks payable Lone Star Chapter, and mail to 5427 Weston Drive, Fulshear, TX 77441-4127. You can also call 281-814-2377, if you have any questions.



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4. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** The 1 Jun 2020 deadline for director nominations has past, and the National Office has received 6 nominations for the position of National Director. As a correction to our last bulletin where it stated there were 5 positions open, even though there were 6 names of positions that were opening. There are 6 positions opening. The following 6 names have been submitted for the 2021 National Board of Directors:

Joe Steen (Kentucky Airborne Chapter)

Andrew Ritter (Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter)

Larry Stewart (Texas Lone Star Chapter)

Director Cletus Slabach (Toledo Chapter)

Gary Covey (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter)

Director Randall Johnson (Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter)

5. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The 2020 Awards Committee Chairman is Past President/Director Richard Becker, and he accepted nominations for All American of the Year up to 1 May 2020. Nominations for All American of the Year are now closed. Submissions for the Communications and Public Relations Award were accepted up to 1 July 2020 and is now also closed.

6. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR, CHAPTER DELEGATES, AND MEMBERS MEETINGS FOR 2020:**

With the cancellation of Convention, the Association will have to conduct our BOD, Delegates', and Members' meetings differently this year. The BOD has already conducted a video conference Delegates' and BOD meeting in June and have validated our ability to conduct our meetings via the Zoom program. Now we will conduct our meetings, normally done at Convention, in the same fashion.

First, we will hold a Delegates' meeting on 18 Aug 2020, at 1800hrs EST, via Zoom. We can only have one representative per Chapter. To have a Delegate attend this meeting, you must send the name of the Delegate to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org prior to 11 Aug 2020. We need the name of someone who has access to a computer with a camera and microphone so they can participate in the meeting. Again, we will only allow one Delegate per Chapter. On 12 Aug 2020, we will send the instructions to join the meeting to the email account provided for the Delegate to ensure it is accurate. We will also send the instructions for the BOD meeting so that the Delegates' can attend for the Delegates' portion of the BOD Meeting. We will use the first hour of the meeting to get all the Delegates online together and then the President and Executive Director will answer questions that you may have that we can address without the full BOD. We will then allow one hour for you to select a Chairman and select questions to address to the BOD.

The BOD will hold their Meeting on 19 Aug 2020, at 1800hrs EST. We will open the BOD meeting to the Delegates for the Delegates' Chairman to address their questions to the BOD. We will attempt to answer any questions possible at the meeting, and any questions we are unable to answer at the meeting will be posted on our website with the answers to all the questions posed. We understand that this meeting may be a learning experience for some, and we will work to make it the best possible event while taking time to work through issues that may arise.



The Members' Meeting will be held on 20 Aug 2020, at 1800hrs EST. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions of Zoom on the number of Members we can have on Zoom at one time, we can only have one computer per Chapter signed in to the Meeting. If Chapters can bring in Members through a conference call to listen in to the meeting, we highly encourage it. We will distribute the agenda for the meeting, and any proposed changes to the by-laws by 8 Aug 2020, so that any questions or concerns of Members can be gathered to address at the meeting.

We are hoping this meeting goes well so that we will be able to have these meetings several times a year, between the Chapters and the Executive Director, to address questions of the Chapters, and create better communications with the Chapters.

7. **2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION:** The Association is sponsoring a 2021 Alumni book that has begun preparation and sales on 3 July 2020. The book will be similar to the 2016 Alumni book with Members being able to have their entries published in the book **free of charge. There is no charge unless the Member wishes to purchase the book. There is no obligation to purchase the book.** There is an example on the Association website at: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/book.html>, of the postcard that has been mailed to Members and the email that has been sent to Members. The examples have also been emailed to the Chapter emails, and posted to the Association Facebook page, so Members can see an example of the official mailings that are going to be sent. If any Member has an issue with PCI, the company doing the book, please call our office if you cannot resolve it with the company, and we will address any concerns. **We do not want any Member feeling obligated or pressured into purchasing this book. We encourage you to purchase the book only if you want to. We have also posted a list of the prices on our website at: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/pci-product-pricing-and-pictures.pdf>. This is a list of all items that are for sale. Please only purchase items that you truly want.** Over all PCI has received high ratings by most Members whom they have contacted, but we do want to address any issues that may arise.

We hope that all our Members who purchase the book will be happy with their purchase. There will be more information sent to Chapters and Members as this project moves forward.

8. **ASSOCIATION ALL AMERICAN WEEK COIN:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association coin has



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come in and is now being mailed to Members who have preordered the coin. Coins are available at the following link for \$16: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/shop.html>
**It is a unique coin and has received numerous kudos.
There is a limited supply, so order now!**



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9. **OPERATION BOURBON:** 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 will only be available through Boundary Oak Distillery. It is an awesome dedication to the Division and has already sold out on the initial 2500 bottles. There will be more produced, but I would not wait too long to order your bottle. In August 2020, the bottle will also be available at numerous class six stores and you can also work with a local liquor store to order these bottles. We have also posted images of the bottle on our Facebook page with links to how to purchase the bottle. When Members actually see the bottle there will be even greater interest. Boundary Oak Distillery also made a bottle for the 3ID in the past and they have stated that there has already been more interest in the 82nd Bottle than has ever been shown in the 3ID bottle. Image that. I, for one, am not at all surprised.



To order call:
270-351-2013

10. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Due to the Corona Virus pandemic until further notice Directors will not be attending any events.

11. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2020:

- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance for 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). Due to the cancellation of All American Week, the 2020 awards presentation took place on 9 July 2020 on the Division patio.
- c. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division:** Currently supporting redeployed Troopers placed in quarantine at Ft Bragg by arranging liquid refreshments to the Troops. 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.



d. **3rd Annual All American Adventure 2020: (POSTPONED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS)**



All American Adventure 2019

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 2020, 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.

- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2020:** This year will be our 5th 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.



12. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND: We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations will cause the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, in making up for these losses. Please donate any amount to insure we have the funding to continue our Association projects next year. We need your help. If we are expecting the Association to do more to help the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division, it will take your help. If you think that someone else will do it, you’re wrong. Hardly anyone within the Association is supporting our mission. With a Membership of over 35,000 Members, we receive less than 100 donations annually from our Members. This is sad. We do appreciate those great All Americans that support us annually, but we need more Membership to support. With 35,000 members we should be able to do so much more for our Troopers with even \$5 donations from our Members. We must stop the “why I don’t give” excuses, and look at all the projects the Association does and ask “why wouldn’t I support our Troopers”. The time to act now. We need your help. Please step up and support with anything you can.

13. ASSOCIATION 501(c)3 STATUS: The Association is continuing to contact the IRS for the status of the Chapter 501(c)3 status, and have been told it is in the final stage of processing. We will notify Chapters as soon as we receive the final determination on the status.

14. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS: The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the Quick Links / Forms & Resources folder on our website to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter Continuity and Chapter Startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.

15. 2019 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The completed 2019 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group



Federal Income Tax Return, were due by 10 May 2020 due to the IRS change in Tax submission dates. We were extended again until 25 July. *We can no longer accept financial statements for 2019.* 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 following chapters have submitted their Financial Report for 2019 – Thank you:

Badger State	Central Ohio AA	Central Pennsylvania
Don Lassen/Atlanta AA	Evergreen State	James Etherton-Detroit
Kentucky Airborne	North Central Florida AA	North Jersey
North Texas	Northeastern Pennsylvania	Oklahoma AA
San Joaquin Valley	Tampa Bay AA	Tillman Beikes-Indianapolis
Washington DC	St. Michael’s AA	1SG Leonard Funk MOH
Chicago	CPL Edward Slavin	Greater Daytona AA
Hampton Roads All Services	Low Country AA	Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR
Rocky Mountain	South Texas	Texas Lone Star
Greater Hartford	Central New York	COL Reuben H Tucker
Dan Campbell AA	Gateway	John Towle-MOH Cleveland
Lehigh Valley	Lew Millet MOH	LTG James Gavin
Mid-America	New York	Niagara Frontier
Northern Michigan AA	Cohort	Golden Gate
Acadiana	Akron	Greater Rochester NY AA
John Steele	San Diego AA	SGT Pusateri AA
Southern Arizona	Southern Wisconsin	Virginia State
Vulcan Chapter	Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI	GEN Via AA Signal
W. Hughes/TriState/Mid-Hudson	Benavidez-Patterson AA	Blue Ridge
Cal-Nevada AA	Hajdak/Mokan-Philadelphia	Idaho AA
Jacksonville AA	Palm Beach County	Phoenix Joseph P Schwan
Space Coast AA	Toledo	Western Upper Peninsula
Mid-Michigan		

If you have not submitted your Chapter’s financial statement, you need to file separately with the IRS. Please send us a statement, on Chapter letterhead, that you have filed.

- 16. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted): None
- 17. 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.



- 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 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!
- 19. 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>
- 20. 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. 2021 Sun City "All Airborne" Fiesta VIII, 30 June – 4 July 2021 in El Paso, TX is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter. The host hotel is Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, 600 N. El Paso Street, El Paso, TX 79901. Hotel reservations 800-445-8667, reservation code ADA.. The POC is John Ceballos, 2608 Fort Blvd, El Paso, TX 79930-2116. For more information, go to <https://www.bp82eptx.org/> **The 2020 Event has been postponed due to the corona virus. These are the new dates!**
- 21. 6th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** The raffle will be held this year, and the drawing will be held at the Member Meeting via Zoom on 19 Aug 2020. Let's make our 6th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. We will notify all winners. Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office. Please mail in your raffle tickets. Raffle is currently at \$710!
- 22. 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 Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association wish to thank all our members for their service and helping the Association through these trying times. 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. Our Division continues to deploy 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". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary Rezabek
National President

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Bill Bauer
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