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## August 2017 BULLETIN NO. 665

1. 2017 CONVENTION: The 71<sup>th</sup> National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL is almost here. This year we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division. Since we are under 30 days from Convention the registration is now \$125.00 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. *The discounted room rates at the Rosen Centre will no longer be discounted after 9 July 2017, and you will be subject to the regular room rates. You can cancel your room reservations prior to five days from your reservation date with no penalty. Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. There are many exciting events planned for this Convention. Don't wait too long to register. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! <u>http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/</u>* 

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

2. LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENTS, NATIONAL DIRECTORS, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNING RELIEF OF CHAPTER

**REBATE DEBT:** The Association President, Past Presidents, National Directors, and Executive Director have written a letter to all the members of the Association concerning our request for the relief to the Association of the Chapter rebate debt. This letter is attached at the bottom of this bulletin, will be posted in the Summer 2017 Paraglide, and included in the Association Enews bulletin released every two weeks. We feel that it is important for all members of the Association to understand all the issues of the Chapter rebates, and the detriment to the Association that this debt creates. Please take the time to read the letter, and help to get the word out to other members to insure that all our members get the opportunity to read it. The information in this letter is vital to the success of the Association, and therefore, to the success of the Chapters. We will all succeed or fail together, as one, and we need your help.

**3. STATUS OF 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS:** We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but 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: We are no longer accepting 2016 Chapter financial statements as our Association Group Return has now been filed and returned. Chapters who have not filed their taxes must now file their own tax return for 2016 and supply the National Office with a copy of their return. *Again, it is the responsibility of the Chapter for filing with the IRS*. If your Chapter files separately and has not informed the Association of this, please do so. Any Chapters who have not filed or shown the National Office proof of filing, will be reported to the Board of Directors at the 2017 Convention Board of Directors meeting, and may be subject to closure, as per the Association by-laws. If your Chapters has become behind in your filings, please notify us so that we can assist you in getting up to date. If you are having issues with your tax submission, please contact the National Office for assistance. To date, the following Chapters have completed and returned their Statement:

Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI Gateway Oklahoma Tampa Bay John Towle MOH-Cleveland Mid-America Northern Arizona Greater Daytona CPL Edward Slavin West Palm Beach Central Pennsylvania Don Lassen/Atlanta Chicago North Texas 508<sup>th</sup> Airborne Western Upper-Peninsula Daniel Campbell LTG James Gavin Jacksonville Badger State

**Evergreen State** New York Orlando **1SG** Leonard Fund Cincinnati Central New York Central Ohio Southern California Wolverine Virginia State Hampton Roads Greater Hartford South Florida Washington DC Northeastern Pennsylvania Low Country Akron James Etherton/Detroit Benavidez-Patterson

John Steele North Central Florida Rocky Mountain Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR 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 St. Michael's

**5. NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** Submissions for National Director nominations for the 2018 Board of Directors closed on *1 July 2017*. Nominations will be posted in the Summer 2017 Paraglide, due for release on 1 Aug 2017.

Nominations include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee, including 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.

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This year there are seven (7) nominations for National Directors to be elected at the 2017 Annual Convention. The names of the nominees are below (\* indicates that the Member is currently serving as a Director and is eligible to serve a second 2-year term):

\*Laurie Clay \*Jose Perez-Ortiz Richard Simmons \*Gary Covey Richard Becker \*Steven C. Holcomb Garfield Lyons

**Correction to Jun/Jul 2017 Bulletin-** In the Jun/Jul 2017 Bulletin, under National Director Nominations, in error there was not an \* placed by the name of Director Jose Perez-Ortiz to indicate that he was eligible for reelection. This was an error, and Director Jose Perez-Ortiz is eligible for reelection and has been nominated. We apologize for this error.

- 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES: The 2017 All American Week Board of Directors and Delegates Meeting minutes are posted on the Association website at the "What's New" link.
- 7. NATIONAL DIRECTORS SAMPLE BALLOT: In accordance with Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2018 Board of Directors, from the list of seven (7) nominees, is attached on our website under the "What's New" tab 30 days prior to the 2018 elections.
- 8. CHAPTER DELEGATES 2017 CONVENTION: Chapter Delegate selection closed on 31 Jul 2017. An updated list of Convention Delegates is attached at the end of the bulletin. Only the Delegates on the list may speak and vote at the Delegate meeting. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will be asked to leave. 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, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which are available on the Association website. All questions raised during the 2017 All American Week Delegate's meeting were answers at the Director/Delegate meeting and the answers were added to the meeting minutes, posted on the Association website at the "What's New" link.
- **9. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted):
  - a. All July deadlines have passed and there are currently no deadlines.





10. SERVICE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES: The Association Steering Committee may meet at the Convention. The time, date and location will be determined by the Committee Chairperson noted below:

**Budget & Finances** Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek Chairman

Ways & Means Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek, Chairman PP/Chair - Richard Becker

**Bond Agent** Dir - Victor Mitchell, Chairman

**Internal Affairs** Dir Joe Steen, Chairman

Chapter & Membership Executive Dir - Bill Bauer

Historical Mr. Robert Stonerock, Chairman

Awards Dir – Gary Rezabek, Chairman

Western Area Coordinator Past-Dir-Jose Aguayo

**DOD LNO** SGM Eva Commons

Association Chaplain CH(MAJ) David M Johnston III Website/ Automation Exec Dir – Bill Bauer

**By-Laws** 

**Convention Planning** PP Bill Eberle, Chairman

**Public Relations** Dir - Steve Copening, Chairman

Resolutions Dir -Steve Holcomb, Chairman

Legislative LNO Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

National Airborne Heritage Day Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

Monument Committee - Fort Benning Mr. Rick Dalton

**Business Development Committee** Mr. Neil Parkin - Chairman

**Veteran Committee** Nat'l Sec. - Dir Laurie Clay, Chairwoman

11. PAYMENT OF CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES (CHAPTER REFUNDS): The portion of membership dues received directly at the National Office, and are 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 the period Jan-Jun 2017, will be sent via mass payment on PayPal on 1 Aug 2017. PayPal will send an email to the Chapter email address to notify you of this payment so that you may insure your payment is directed to your Chapter bank account. Any Chapter who has not yet set up their PayPal account must do so within 30 days of receiving the payment or the payment will be returned to the National office account. All monies returned to the National

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Office account will be held for the Chapter until such time as the Chapter has set up their PayPal account and can receive their payment. Any Chapter wishing to donate their payment to the National Office, please notify us by email prior to 1 Aug 2017.

**12. E-NEWS BULLETIN**: Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our e-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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!

#### **13. NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:**

Executive Director Bill Bauer - <u>execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org</u>. This address is for information from Chapters concerning questions from Chapter Chairmen, by-laws, by-law changes, Chapter startups 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 – <u>execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org</u>. 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 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 Lory Johnston– <u>admin@82ndairborneassociation.org</u>. 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.

- 14. 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: <a href="http://www.dvidshub.net/image">http://www.dvidshub.net/image</a> and <a href="http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx">http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx</a>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision">http://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision</a>
- **15. 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.
- **16. 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 *"America's Guard of Honor"*





were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the following link: <u>www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html</u>. 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. <u>55<sup>th</sup> Annual All Ohio Airborne Days</u>, <u>5-7 Oct 2017</u>, in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by the John Towle MOH Cleveland Chapter. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn in Strongsville, OH 440-238-8800. POC is Sean Jennings (Chairman) (440) 915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com
- b. <u>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Airborne Jamboree, 22-23 September 2017</u>, in Sebring, FL, hosted by the South Florida All Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is The Sebring Quality Inn & Suites in Sebring, FL 863-385-1345 and the POC is Jose Perez 305-205-1948 or <u>skysoldier1303@aol.com</u>
- **17. STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION DISCLAIMER:** The following are Disclaimers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Inc. with regards to any Parachute jump activities, and the consumption of alcohol at Association and Chapter events:

### Association Jump Activity Disclaimer

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. is in no way affiliated with any civilian or private group, club, association or other type of organization that conducts parachute jumps. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. does *not* sponsor, nor assume any liability for parachute or sport jumping organizations nor any of their activities, nor does it provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity, to include being in attendance as a spectator or participating in any parachuting activity. Whereas members of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Inc. may have members who belong to such organizations that perform parachute activities, those members are performing such activities outside of their membership in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc., and will in no way portray or represent these activities as being sanctioned, approved, or in conjunction with or related to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. The Association insurance policy does not cover any liability for death, injuries, damages, medical expenses, or other losses resulting from parachute activities.

The Association will offer guidance on how its Chapters may obtain special insurance riders for any non-covered event or activity. Such insurance riders are the sole responsibility of each Chapter, who would contract for, pay for, and obtain such coverage by that separate Chapter. Obtaining or not obtaining such special insurance rider coverage shall in no way be the responsibility of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc.

### Association Disclaimer for Alcohol Use at Chapter Events

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. is not engaged in the food and beverage industry and does not directly sell or furnish alcohol to its members and therefore carries limited alcohol or liquor liability insurance coverage, which is restricted to coverage only for its function as a host for national events of the Association.

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The Association will offer guidance on how its Chapters may obtain special insurance riders for Chapter-sponsored events, whether the Chapter plans to host a hospitality suite with donated alcohol, or when alcohol is served by the hotel or other venue as part of a banquet or cash bar. Such insurance riders are the sole responsibility of each Chapter, who would contract for, pay for, and obtain such coverage by that separate Chapter. Obtaining or not obtaining such special insurance rider coverage shall in no way be the responsibility of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc.

Above disclaimers have been approved by Doug Andrews, Association Judge Advocate

6 May 2017

These activity restrictions are not new to the Association, but important to reiterate to all our chapters as they sponsor events. If you are unsure of any activity at an event, it is best to call and get a final answer from the National office rather than to assume it is covered and be proven wrong. With this being said, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Inc. events where alcohol is consumed will have riders to our insurance policy to allow for the consumption of alcohol.

- 18. 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We are gearing up to make our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71<sup>st</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter!
- 19. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <u>https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480</u>. 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!

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 the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention. Remember, many of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are preparing to deploy this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We look forward to their safe return.

Ed Herlicky

Ed T. Herlihy National President

OFFICIAL: BILL BAUER Executive Director Attachments 2



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31 August 2017

To All Association Chapters,

We are writing this letter to our Chapters to address the issue of Chapter Rebates. We want to begin by saying that this is only about past rebates due to Chapters and not about the portion of Membership dues paid to the National Office that are paid to the chapters, i.e. \$8 of the \$25 membership.

To give a brief history of the rebates, for many years the Association, in an effort to help Chapters that were having financial problems, annually gave Chapters a rebate of \$4.50 for each All American Member (Life Member) of the Chapter. These rebates were paid to Chapters for many years at a cost of over \$35,000 annually to the National office of the Association. By 2011, with financial issues plaguing the National office, it became impossible for the National office to pay these rebates, but it was hoped that our finances would improve and we would be able to pay the rebates again. Finances did not improve and in 2013 the Board of Directors ceased the payment of rebates to chapters.

Still left was the issue of what to do about the rebates that were due from 2011 and 2012. The Board of Directors, hoping that finances would improve, stated that the Association would hold this debt, and try to pay it someday. All these decisions by the Board of Directors were made in an effort to help Chapters, and the rebates were not ceased to hurt Chapters, but because the Association was not financially capable of paying the rebates anymore. Also, it has to be said, that it is not financially viable for any organization to continue to pay back for Life Memberships when they are not getting any more money from these memberships. Counting on the fact that we will be able to pay it by bringing in more members is fiscally unsustainable.

Also, without proper accountability of members, Chapters were being paid for some members that had passed away many years before the rebates were ceased. This removed any incentive for Chapters to review their members list. We do not say this as to place blame on Chapters, but simply stating a proven fact. In 2015, the Association had a company review our Membership list in an effort to track the addresses of Members who have not been active in the Association for a while, and that Chapters had no accountability of. The report we received back showed over 5000 of the members on our list, that were not previously marked as deceased, were in fact deceased. Some having been deceased for many years. Due to this fact, many of Chapters were in fact receiving rebates for members who were deceased for many years. I do not think our Chapters knowingly took money for deceased Members, but in fact, they did. This still leaves the issue of money that they would be due from the Association, or as an audit may show, that they possibly may owe back to the Association.

As it stands, after numerous Chapters have graciously forgiven the Association the rebate debt, there are still many Chapters that have not. This leaves us with a debt of over \$52,000. How does this effect the Association? When our new Executive Director took his position in January 2015, the Association had a total of \$500 in our bank account, almost \$160,000 of debt (including our rebate debt), and issues of overdue payments with every company we did business with, including our business credit cards. As we worked to save the Association from

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bankruptcy, the Association was lucky enough to have Members who supported us with \$50,000 in loans to keep us going. At that time, we could not even secure a new credit card due to our credit.

Our National office, with the outstanding support of our Board of Directors, moved quickly to cut our operating costs and increase our revenue in every way we could. Our Association Executive Director was not even being paid for most of his travel in the first year. The National office and Board of Directors worked extremely hard over the next two years to bring the Association back from the dead with only one thought in mind, failure is not an option. We owe it to all our Members to make this work. This year at convention, we will pay back our last loan and all of our expenses have been paid on time or early to secure discounts. By September, our only debt remaining is the \$52,000 in rebates to the Chapters.

If we were to pay this debt it will leave us with only enough money to barely operate over the next year, and no money to support the Division, but without paying it, we are in another bind. We have been working hard to get corporate sponsorship for the Association. As you may know, we are trying to start a project that will address the stresses on Troopers from the Division returning from deployment. Why is it important that we do this now? You probably already know that we have a large amount of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division deployed or preparing to deploy right now. If we are going to be able to make this project worth doing, we will have to have it up and running in the next couple of months. Problem is, most large donors will not give us donations because they believe that the Association will only use it to pay off our debts and not to do the things we are asking for donations for. I can understand their point, but it does not help us.

We have the ability to truly make a difference in the lives of our Troopers, and quite possibly save lives, but are being held back because of our own debt. The President, Board of Directors, and Executive Director implore our Chapters to please forgive the rebate debt as soon as possible so that we can make this project a reality. As the Executive Director, I am personally pleading with you to help us to help the Troops. We are only asking for forgiveness of the debt as your show of support for the work we are trying to do. We will make this project happen with your support.

All that it takes is a letter from your Chapter, on Chapter letterhead, stating that you relieve the Association of your Chapter's rebate debt. Once we are relieved of this debt, we will secure funding to make this project a success and begin impacting the lives of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers who are right now deployed in defense of our great nation. Please help!

Sincerely,

Bill Bauer Executive Director

Original signed by: //President T. Ed Herlihy// //All Members of the Board of Directors// //All Past Presidents//

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# 2018 NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEES

**BECKER, Rich** (North Central Florida) – An AAM since 1994 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He has served with the 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN DIv, 11<sup>th</sup> ABN DIv and 24<sup>th</sup> ABN BDE. He has held numerous positions both locally and nationally. He has been a Chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman, Newsletter Editor and Event Chairman. He has also been a National President (1 term), National Secretary (2 terms), a National Director and has had numerous committee assignment on a National level. He was a teacher in the NY State Public School system for 20 years and an Administrator for 6 years. He was an Assistant Professor/Administrator in Vassar College for 10 years. He has stimulated Chapter activities and promotes the recruitment of any paratrooper to the Association

**CLAY, Laurie K**. (Kentucky All Airborne) – An AAM since 2013 (she joined as an AAM). She has previously served as the Chapter Vice Chairman and has served as a National Director for the past two years. Additionally, she has served as the Association's Executive Secretary. During her tenure as National Director, she supported the Association by attending Conventions, All American Weeks and functions at six of her neighboring chapters. She has also served on the Association's Award committee for the past two years. She is dedicated to our Veterans, Soldiers, and their families of the 82nd Airborne Division and Association and desires to continue her work towards raising awareness of our Association and its programs.

**COVEY, Gary** (Tillman Beikes Indianapolis All ABN) – An AAM since2004 (he joined the Association in 1986). He served as a Red Falcon of the 325 AIR from 1971-73, attaining the rank of E5. He qualified as a Jumpmaster and Jungle Expert and was awarded Sr. Parachutist and Expert Infantryman Badges. He has served as Chapter Chairman (4 yrs) and Secretary (8 yrs) and is presently Chapter Trustee. He is currently a National Director for the past year. He vows to use his leadership and organizational skills, along with his professional experience as a former manager and business owner to keep the Association on a steady course towards economic recovery which will insure it survival for generations of Troopers to come.

**HOLCOMB, Steve** (Central Ohio All Airborne) – An AAM since 2004 (he joined the Association in 1986). He has worked hard as Chapter Chairman for the last several years, as well as serving as National Director. He continues to focus on maintaining and increasing membership, and the Chapter has received multiple membership, including 4 consecutive ones starting in 2011. He understands the importance of good communication and publishes our newsletter, which has won several Association awards. He was the major architect of successful 2008 and 2014 All Ohio Days. He has worked hard to ensure the Chapter is financially solvent and brings the same focus to the National Director position. He is familiar with the issues facing the Association and brings a solid desire to do what needs to be done, in a positive and collaborative manner, to ensure the continued existence and success of the Association.

**LYONS, Garfield (Fayetteville Chapter)** – An AAM since 2007 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He retires from the US Army, 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN Div on October 2016, with 32 years of service and over 6 years in the 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN DIv. He has served as the DOD LNO for three years while on active duty and is very active in his Chapter, where he is currently Trustee. He is an active participant and not a spectator with the Association going forward and becoming solvent and taking care of young Troops and Veterans alike. He

feels very strongly that the Association must maintain and preserve our heritage, past, present and future.

**PEREZ-ORTIZ, Jose** (South Florida All ABN) – An AAM since 2003 (he joined the Association in 1993. As a former Director he believes that what he knows now of our Association will be a step forward to accomplish all the goals and more our association has set their minds to accomplish. He brings a vast amount of experience and ideas that can surely place our goals on the right track. As Chairman his Chapter he has set goals in getting the Association known awarding the 82 medals to cadets from JROTC to College ROTC. With the help of his hard charging team we have united the other Airborne groups in joining our team so we can all benefit of our glorious tradition. He strongly believes our Association is on the right track, many will say no, but don't come forward to bring their thoughts heard, he for one believes his place is where all the information, decisions etc. Are done, that's where he wants to be.

**SIMPSON, Rich** (Hadjack/Mokan Chapter, Philadelphia) – An AAM since 1996 (he joined the Association as an AAM). He has been Vice Chairman for 2 years and Chairman for the past 6 years. He has reorganized his chapter to make a true brother hood of paratroopers. He has worked on their Honor guard to be more active in local events. Chapter events include participating in parades, Baskets of cheer, Baseball champion games, 50/50 drawings at meetings and selling shirts. His goal for 2017 is to educate the public on 82nd Airborne Wounded Worrier Fund and to have more events to make money for this project. Every year they honor a Chapter member and have shirts made to show their appreciation for his continued service. This motivates all our members to become more active in activities. Our membership has been growing at a good pace, and meetings have been well attended. The guidance he has contributed to the Hadjack/Mokan chapter over the past 27 years will help him to be a good choice for National director.

## 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION DELEGATES 2017 71<sup>st</sup> National Convention Orlando, FL

TITLE / NAME	Chapter	Member #
Ben Beekman	GEN Ridgway	L025
Jesus Bravo	Benavidez-Patterson	R10023
Douglas Carl Bonner (ALT)	Vulcan	M02258
Phillip Carolan	Evergreen State	R6980
Rudolfo Chavez, Jr	North Texas	R11598
Eugene Dalton	Golden Brigade	R10542
Barrie Day	Orlando	A10143
Robert Farrell	LTG Gavin	R5875
Leo Foisner	Texas Lone Star	A2302
David Foy	Central Pennsylvania	L020
Richard Gauthier	San Diego	R10258
Thomas Giddings	Tampa Bay	R5796
Ken Glynn	Orlando	R1551
Timmie Goodwin	Gateway	R10578
Phillip Griglio	James Etherton/Detroit	R3758
Delbert Grush	508 Association	R11546
William Guthridge	CPL Slavin	R2302
Reinhardt Hurdel	Dan Campbell	R10749
Sean Jennings	John Towle-Cleveland	141712
Lee Johnson	Kentucky	R8438
Gaberil Kanawite	North Texas	R04372
John Kiser	1SG Funk	R9846
Pete Long	Phoenix Joseph P Schwan	R1501
Garfield Lyons	Fayetteville	M12108
Frank Mantia	Gateway	M01149
Vasilios Mihaltsas	North Jersey	R11520
Frank D Morris	Badger State	R7365
Rev Gary Pitcock	Tillman Beikes	R9172
Jacques Robitaille	Don Lassen	1823581
Frederick Scheu	Dan Campbell	R4878
David Shackelford	Lew Millet MOH	R9947
Steven E Skinner	Don Lassen	1823584
Cletus Slabach	Tillman Beikes	M0186
John Smith	North Texas	R5742
Eric Sowers	508 Assoc	M13382
Jim Suchland	GEN Ridgway	A3888
Henry Thorpe	Tampa Bay	R7526
Nero Tucker	Vulcan	R5878
Charles Woodward	Mid-America	R10228
David Yeager	Central Pennsylvania	R5454
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