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- 1. 9-11 REMEMBRANCE:** On September 11<sup>th</sup> please remember all of those who died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crash fields of Pennsylvania from horrific terrorist attacks. Remember the First Responders who gave their lives trying to save the lives of others, and the brave men and women of the military who have lost their lives defending our freedom fighting the Global War on Terrorism. We will never forget. God Bless them and the United States of America!
- 2. DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT":** We are once again gearing up for our "Holiday Troop Support" program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. We will work with the Division Chaplain's office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troops. This project was a huge success over the last two years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1000 meals over the Holiday season. Our office still receives thanks from Families for last year's donations. Let's make this year as big of a success and provide the Troopers and their Families with another 1000 meals donated by the Association. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. If donations exceed what is needed for these meals, the additional funds will be reserved for next year so that we may continue this tradition. For those who have already donated, we thank you for your kind support of the Troops. For those who would like to donate, please send a check with "Holiday Troop Support" marked at the bottom or you can use the donate button on our website and annotate "Holiday Troop Support" in the "Put my donation towards" line. This program will have a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers. Thank you for your support.
- 3. 2019 CONVENTION:** It is official! The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association will be held by the Washington D.C. Chapter. As you know this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day and Operation Market Garden. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, but will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join Us in Washington D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S ORME ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22204. For reservations call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. There will be a web link set up soon, but for now only calling in is available. The

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room rates are \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. We will have the flier and Hotel reservation information available on our website under “Events” by 15 Sep 2018. We will also send the information and flier to the Chapter email accounts. The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don’t want you to miss out on this event.

4. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, and Market Garden. We are beginning registration for AAW 2019 immediately due to the high volume of requests. The registration and flyer will be published in the Paraglide and available at our website under Events. **Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for regular room and \$78+ tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available or given a different price.** Registration for AAW 2019 will be online by 15 Sep 2018 and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in application which will be located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110 and you will get your money’s worth.
  
5. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** **If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, we need funds to make it happen.** Your support will greatly increase the Association’s ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many Association programs, such as Holiday Troop Support, The All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. If we don’t support our Troopers, who will? No more saying next time or the Association doesn’t need the money anyway or our Chapter having a Christmas party is more important than helping our young Troops. I hear a lot of talk from members about how the Association should support our young active duty Troopers, and now we are. Now it is time for everyone to step up and help us to support them. We cannot do these things without funds. We have solicited monies from many outside donors who have never been in the 82<sup>nd</sup> and some who have never been in the military. Now it is time for those of you who are members of our Association who have not yet donated, and I do thank those of you who are generously supporting, to stop the talk and back it up with a donation for our Troopers. We have been changing and are doing the things you have asked us to do for the Troopers, so YOU are running low on good excuses not to help. Please help the Association in supporting **OUR** 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Any donation will help us. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association’s Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at:

P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations made to the Association Ed Fund or the Wounded Warrior Fund go directly to the respective funds and do not support the Association General Fund. Therefore, it is necessary for the Association to obtain donations directly.

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6. **MINUTES FOR 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The Minutes for the BOD meeting at the 2018 Annual Convention will be posted on our website under the “Forms and Resources” link under the Quick links tab. The minutes will be posted by 15 Sep 2018.
7. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2019:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2018:
- a. President Gary Rezabek (John Towle-Cleveland Chapter) was elected.
  - b. Vice President Gary Covey (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter) was elected.
  - c. National Secretary Mike Oesch (Vulcan Chapter) was elected.
  - d. National Treasurer Steve Holcomb (Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter) was elected.

The General Membership meeting filled six (6) Veteran Directors vacancies. Congratulations to Gary Rezabek (John Towle-Cleveland Chapter), and Mike Oesch (Vulcan Chapter), who were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to our new members of the Board of Directors, Ed Herlihy (Greater Hartford Chapter), Randall Johnson (Greater Daytona Chapter), David Pitman (Washington D.C. Chapter), and Cletus Slabach (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter).

We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors. This is a very important position within the Association and one that will allow members to assist the Association in successfully moving forward.

8. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) HAS DIRECTED CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DUES:**  
The BOD has directed the following changes to membership dues: Annual Membership for all is now \$35. All American Membership for all is \$350. The \$350 dues for the All American membership will cover the first five years of membership, then there will be a maintenance fee of 50% of the cost of the annual dues at that time charged to remain current.
9. **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 and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).
10. **THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER OF INTENT FOR CLOSURE FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE:**

555 PIB Memorial	Alamo Chapter	Connecticut Yankee
Ames/Olivas All Airborne	Golden Gate	Keystone All Airborne (Closed)
Lobo All Airborne	Viking (Closed)	Mississippi All Airborne (Closed)
Montana All Airborne (Closed)	Roanoke Valley AA	Reed Torrence/Clyde Thomas/503/80

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Ross Carter/Appalachian (Closed)

11. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
  - a. There are no current deadlines
12. **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.
13. **82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the shield on the front. Very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to [www.usaa.com/82nd](http://www.usaa.com/82nd) . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
14. **E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* 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!
15. **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>
16. **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 also on the Association's website at the following link [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://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. Operation Market Garden Jamboree, 21-22 September 2018 is in Sebring, FL and is hosted by the South Florida All Airborne Chapter. POC is Jose Perez-Ortiz (305) 205-1948. The host hotel is Sebring Quality Inn and Suites 863-385-4500.

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- b. All Ohio Days, 12-14 October, 2018 is in Richfield, OH and is hosted by the Akron Chapter. POC is Bob Winkler: 330-325-7574. The host hotel is **The Days Inn & Suites**: 330-659-6151, ext. 516.
- c. Veterans Day Activities, 8-11 November 2018 is in Alexandria, VA/Arlington National Cemetery and is hosted by the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter and the Washington, DC Chapter. POC is Bill Bauer: 910-223-1182. The host hotel is **Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town South**: 703-329-1400 or 800-HILTON.
- d. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Airborne Reunion, 28 Feb-3 March 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky and is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Waller 502-306-4770The host hotel is **Four Points by Sheraton Lexington**: 855-516-1090.

**17. 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73<sup>nd</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

**18. 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!* We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Becker, 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 Veteran's Day event.

In addition, many of our 82<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Richard G. Becker  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
Bill Bauer  
Executive Director

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