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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 ever since fighting the Global War on Terrorism. We will never forget you or what you stood for. God Bless them and the United States of America!
- 2. HURRICANE HARVEY:** Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We pray for the safety of all our Brothers and Sisters, and their Families, in the affected areas. Seeing how the people of these areas are pulling together to help each another through this tough time is enlightening to our souls and reminds us of the good within people. May their inspiration be a guide to us all.
- 3. 2017 CONVENTION:** The 71<sup>th</sup> National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL was a huge success with almost 750 guests. We hope that you were able to view the video and article on Facebook, our E-news bulletin, and the Division website, of the march of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Active Duty and Veteran Members at Walt Disney World. It was a great event and we hope you can get to view it if you haven't already. For those who registered, a survey has been sent to those who provided us with an email address and we hope you will take the time to provide us with input so that we can make next year's convention even better.
- 4. 2017 CONVENTION MEETING RESULTS:** During the 2017 Convention Membership meeting, three by-law changes were passed and will be updated in the by-laws and a revised 2017 by-laws edition will be posted on the Association website in September. A proposal was also brought forth by the Board of Directors, to the General Membership, to forgive the rebate debt of the Association to the Chapters. The General Membership voted in favor of relieving the Association of the debt, thereby allowing the Association to become free of debt now that we have paid back our final loan of \$30,000 from the 504 PIR Association. We want to thank everyone for their support during the Association's rough period, and we are dedicated to work even harder to achieve greater success for the Association and, ultimately, for the success of all the Chapters and the programs we work towards to better serve the Active Duty Troopers and all our Members.

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**5. NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2018:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2018:

- a. President Richard Becker (North Central Florida Chapter) was elected.
- b. Vice President CSM Micheal Green (Division CSM) was selected.
- c. National Secretary Gary Rezabek (John Towle-Cleveland Chapter) was elected.
- d. National Treasurer Lawrence Slavicek (Chicago Chapter) was re-elected.

The General Membership meeting filled six (6) Veteran Directors vacancies. Congratulations to Richard Becker (North Central Florida Chapter), Laurie Clay (Kentucky Chapter), Gary Covey (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter), Steve Holcomb (Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter), and Jose Perez-Ortiz (South Florida All Airborne Chapter), who were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to our new member of the Board of Directors, Garfield Lyons (Fayetteville Chapter).

We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2019 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.

- 6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018:** President-Elect Richard Becker will announce the 2018 National Committees in the December 2017 or January 2018 Bulletin.
- 7. VETERANS' DAY 2017:** The Washington, DC Chapter and the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, with the National Office, are currently planning the events and festivities for Veterans' Day and will have more information concerning hotel reservations/registration in the coming weeks. We will forward the flyer and information when we receive it.
- 8. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018:** Registration for AAW 2018 will begin in September. A flier will be posted on our website with information on room reservations.
- 9. 2018 CONVENTION:** The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention will again be held in Orlando, at the Rosen Centre and we are hoping that all who attended can return next year, and those who were unable to attend get the opportunity to join us. It will be another spectacular event and we are already in the planning phase to being registration in September 2017.
- 10. ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** One of the biggest benefits of being a LIFE member of the Association is the availability for Members and dependents, who meet the following criteria, to receive scholarships:
- a. Dependents of Association LIFE members or Former 82<sup>nd</sup> Paratroopers with 2 or less enlistments.
  - b. Former 82<sup>nd</sup> Paratroopers *must* apply within 2 years of discharge and be a LIFE member.

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- c. Must be enrolled in a Baccalaureate program at an accredited College or University.
- d. Applications must be completed and submitted annually.

Applications and additional information are available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 29304-7482 which is also listed on the bottom of the application. NOTE: This is USPS box and, therefore, does NOT accept UPS, FEDEX, etc. packages. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2017!

- 11. NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH:** We are intent on providing assistance to deserving students and troopers returning to civilian life. Please keep in mind that November is Educational Fund Month. Please make an extra effort to canvass local businesses to solicit funds. Remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the address on the applications.
- 12. 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 last year 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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

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or shown the National Office proof of filing, will be receiving letters from the Board of Directors of intent to dissolve the Chapter for failure to file taxes as required of non-profit organizations. These Chapters will have 60 days to respond to the letter intent or the Board of Directors will proceed with the process of dissolving the Chapters. There is still time for Chapters who have become behind in their 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.

**15. 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 4 Sept 2017. We apologize for the delay in sending these payments. Chapters will receive an advance copy of the refunds due to their Chapter by email to their Chapter email account. If there on any issues with the projected payment please notify the National Office prior to 4 Sept 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 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 4 Sept 2017.

**16. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. 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

**17. 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!

**18. 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).

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## 19. NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

Executive Director Bill Bauer - [execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 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– [admin@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:admin@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.

**20. 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>

**21. 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.

**22. 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](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. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Airborne Jamboree, 22-23 September 2017, 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 [skysoldier1303@aol.com](mailto:skysoldier1303@aol.com)

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- b. 55<sup>th</sup> Annual All Ohio Airborne Days, 5-7 Oct 2017, 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](mailto:jennsea3@yahoo.com)

**23. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 72<sup>nd</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter!

**24. 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!

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.

T. Ed Herlihy  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
BILL BAUER  
Executive Director

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