



# 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.



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**1. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DUES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The BOD has approved the following changes to the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division will remain **FREE**. All following Annual Active Duty Membership dues will remain at \$35.

**2. 2020 CONVENTION COIN AVAILABLE:** Even though the 2020 Convention has been cancelled,



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Lone Star Texas Chapter has produced a 74<sup>th</sup> Convention coin commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> 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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*“America’s Guard of Honor”*

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



3. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR SELECTION:** On 20 August 2020, the following Director Nominees were selected to be part of the 2021 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)

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

The Delegates' meeting was held on 17 Aug 2020 and there were only seven chapters that participated. The minutes for this meeting will be posted to our website and emailed to each chapter email account.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on 18 Aug 2020. The minutes for this meeting will be posted to our website and emailed to each chapter email account.

The Members' meeting was held on 20 Aug 2020 and, besides the Board of Directors, there were three, I REPEAT THREE, Association Members who attended. I am sure there are numerous reasons for the lack of participation, but with the number of calls we receive each week for clarifications, suggestions, and general questions, you would think there would be more than seven at the Delegates' meeting, and three at the Members' meeting. I, as the Executive Director, do not understand this attendance. I am confident that some Chapters must have issues concerning the National Office that they discuss at meetings, but according to attendance, everyone must feel that we are doing great, and there are no issues or concerns with the Association. Thank you for your support and belief that the Association does not have any areas of needed change. Accordingly, I am confident that there will be no disagreements at Chapter meeting as to the Association's conduct of operations, as those would have been raised at either the Delegates' or Members' meeting. Thank you for your support.

5. **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. Overall 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.

**6. ASSOCIATION ALL AMERICAN WEEK COIN:** The 82<sup>nd</sup> 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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**7. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE FOR**

**PURCHASE** - The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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

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



**9. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper.
- b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Last ceremony held on 8 July 2020. Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division join the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All American Adventure 2020: (POSTPONED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS)**



*All American Adventure 2019*

Plan is to send twenty 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.

- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2020:** This year will be our 5<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



**10. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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.

- 11. ASSOCIATION 501(c)3 STATUS:** The Association Board of Directors has approved the addition of the following statements in the National By-Laws, and for inclusion in Chapter By-Laws, without further approval of the Chapter By-Laws by the Board of Directors, as long as no changes are made to the approved verbiage. These two statements must be included for the Chapters to be approved for 501(c)(3) status. Once you have completed the addition of the following two statements, please forward a new copy of your Chapter By-Laws to the National Office for filing.

  - The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association organization (local chapter) is structured primarily for charitable and educational purposes. Included is making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
  - Upon the dissolution of the local organization, any and all associated assets shall be forwarded to the parent organization (82d Airborne Division Association). Said assets shall be allocated to exempt projects/activities of the National Office. The 82d Airborne Division Association shall expend the assets for one or more exempt purpose(s) within the scope of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2019 AUDIT:** We have received and posted the 2019 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Financial Statement audit, and have posted it on our website under "Quick Links" then "Forms and Recourses". A copy has also been sent to each Chapters email account.
- 14. 2019 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** As of this date the following Chapters have submitted their financial statements for the 2019 tax season. Any Chapter not on this list are responsible



for filing their 2019 Chapter tax returns on their own. Failure to file tax returns can lead to the closure of a Chapter.

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| 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.*

15. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted): None
  
16. **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 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](http://www.usaa.com/82nd) . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
  
17. **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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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!

- 18. 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>
- 19. 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](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. Veterans Day Activities 2020 November 9 – 11, 2020 is Arlington, VA is hosted by the COL Reuben H. Tucker and Washington DC Chapters. The host hotel is the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 Orme Street, Arlington, VA. Hotel reservations (800) 325-3535 reservation code: 82<sup>nd</sup> Vets Day). POC Bill Bauer 910-223-1182. Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
- 20. 6th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We recently held the 50/50 raffle. We collected a total of \$990.00 to be split 50% to the Association, then 5%, 15% and 30% to raffle ticket holders. Congratulations to:
- 5% = \$49.50 to Ellen Peters  
15% = \$148.50 to Ron Rath  
30% = \$297 to Steven Gove
- All winners have been notified. Congratulations!!
- 21. 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 and look forward to seeing you at the Veterans' Day event.

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".

Gary Rezabek  
National President

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Executive Director