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PLEASE DISSEMINATE THE BULLETIN TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

- 1. 74th ANNUAL CONVENTION:** Our 74th Annual (2020) Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, from 5-9 August 2019 and is sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. The Lone Star Chapter is already hard at work on planning the Convention and has posted the registration at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

There are also two tours available during the Convention. A tour to the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum, and the Houston Space Center. These are two tours that are amazing and you won't want to miss. The Convention will be held at the HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE, 2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042. You can make your hotel reservation by calling 713-978-7400, and using our Group name:



82nd Airborne Association Group ID # ACAN or you can make your reservation online at: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservation-link.mi?id=1566238121768&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. The hotel reservation cutoff date is July 5, 2020, so make your reservation early. This year's Convention will honor the 75th Anniversary of the 82nd Airborne Divisions contributions to the Victory of World War II. Join us as we honor our Divisions' World War II Veterans and their sacrifices in securing freedom.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2020:** All American Week 2020 will be 18-21 May 2020. As you may know, the Airborne Inn will be losing the Hardy Hall building so that construction of the new Hotel can begin. Because of this, there are not enough rooms at Moon Hall for all our guests so we have also blocked rooms at the Landmark Inn (this Hotel is also on post) at a rate of \$79.99 per night. The Hospitality room and Wednesday Night Pig Roast dinner will remain at Moon Hall and transportation will be available to bring Members back and forth between Moon Hall and the Landmark Inn. There will also be transportation to the Thursday Night Banquet, and buses will run from Moon Hall and the Landmark Inn to all of the Division Events for the week. The construction will continue over the next couple of years and we will adapt as needed until the new Airborne Inn is completed. We are hoping for it to be completed by AAW 2022, but there is no clear date for completion set as of yet.



The AAW festivities will still be a great event and one you will not want to miss. The All American Week online registration, printable registration and Flier is posted at our website at: [82nd Airborne Division 2020 All American Week](#). All of the information and codes for both hotels are available on the All American Week flier. We understand that there will be a lot of questions concerning these changes and

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we are working hard to make as much information as possible available, and will post this information at the website link above.

3. DONATIONS TO THE “HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT”:

We are in full swing in preparing for our “Holiday Troop Support” program, in which the Association provides 500 meals for Thanksgiving and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday season to junior 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and their Families. We are half-way through our Holiday Troop Support program!! On November 22, we provided meals (chicken, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, rolls, donuts, cake mix and frosting) to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday as our way of thanking the Troopers and their Families for their sacrifice.



We are again working on providing 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday Season and are continuing to work with the Division Chaplain’s office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82nd Airborne Division Troops, including Families of our deployed Troopers. This project was a huge success over the last three years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1,000 meals over the Holiday season each year. Our office still receives thanks from Families for our past year’s donations. Let’s make this year as big of a success and provide the Troopers and their Families with another 1,000 meals donated by our Association. The Meals will be distributed by the Association, and Division Chaplains office, on 13 December for the Christmas Holiday Season.



We will also be distributing Holiday candy bags to the children of our Troopers at the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert to show our appreciation for their sacrifices in sharing their parents’ time to protect our Nation. 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 to our office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC, 28326, or you can go to our donations link at: [82nd Association Donations](#) to make your donation. This program has a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers and their Families and will also provide meals to the Families of our Deployed Troopers.



Thank you for your outstanding support!!!



4. **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).

5. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2019/2020:

- a. **Holiday Troop Support:** We will provide 1,000 meals to Troopers and their Families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season (will be accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).



- b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** (Will be accomplished through corporate donations).

- c. **3rd Annual All American Adventure 2020:** 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. This trip will take place in June 2020, provided we are able to secure funding for our Troopers.



All American Adventure 2019

- d. Our 3 BCT, 82nd Airborne Division currently has Troopers deployed to Afghanistan and the Association will be looking for ways to support them during their deployment.

- e. The Association will again work to sponsor attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World War II Veterans at our 74th annual honoring their service in the victory of World War II on its 75th Anniversary. (This project can only be accomplished by donation of Members, Chapters, and Corporate sponsorship). Please help us to once again honor the service of our WW II Veterans, and give us the ability to share in their experiences by bringing them to our 74th Annual Convention.



6. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association is working on numerous projects, and continues to look for ways to better the lives of our Active Duty and Veteran Members. Now that we have been granted our 501(c)3 status, we will be stressing our fund raising through corporate donations, but we still need the support of our Local Chapters and Association Members to complete the funding



on all projects and to help sponsor other projects for our Active Duty and Veteran Members. Our 2019 projects of sending our WW II Veterans back to Normandy and the Annual Convention at no cost to the Veteran, as well as our All American Adventure were accomplished with very little help by our Chapters and Members. These project costs were almost \$120,000 and were mainly obtained from donors who have never been in the Military and still understood the importance of these projects. It is time that our Chapters and Members stand up and support the work the Association is doing. We are asking for you to support your Airborne Brothers and Sisters by supporting our Association so that we can do more to support them. Please help your Association in our efforts to continue to serve our Airborne Family by donating to the Association General Fund. Every little bit helps. Support YOUR Association! Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: [Donate](#) and or mail your donation to the National office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Do your part in helping the success of the Association.

7. **ASSOCIATION 501(c)3 STATUS:** Now that the 82nd Airborne Division Association is a 501(c)3 organization, it is no longer necessary for the Association to go back to check current Member DD-214s for their Time In Service dates. We will still need the DD-214, for new Memberships, to verify the applicant's eligibility for membership by providing their Character of Service, Airborne status, or possibly their service in the 82nd Airborne Division. As always, the National Office will use the documentation to verify eligibility, but will return original copies of DD-214s sent to our office, and delete downloaded copies from applicants. We do not maintain the DD-214s.
8. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The 2020 Awards Committee Chairman will be Past President/Director Richard Becker, and he will accept nominations for All American of the Year. Please email nominations to becker@82ndairborneassociation.org or mail them to the National Office.
9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** *When your Chapter elects Officers you must notify the National Office so that we can update our records.* Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officers (EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES) to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. *Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account.* If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
10. **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).



11. **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.
12. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS:** We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors. These are very important positions within the Association and ones that will allow members to assist the Association in its continued success.
13. **2019 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2019 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, will be emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, at the Chapter email address, in mid-January 2020. If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.
14. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT:** This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of each Certificate is \$5.00, which includes shipping and handling.
15. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
 - a. No deadlines at this time.
16. **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.
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 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!
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. 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. 8th Annual Airborne Reunion, 27 – 29 February 2020 in Lexington, KY is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Waller (502)396-4770. The host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton Lexington in Lexington, KY. Hotel reservations is (859) 259-1311.
 - b. 2020 Sun City “All Airborne” Fiesta VIII, 1 – 5 July 2020 in El Paso, TX is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson “All Airborne” Chapter. The POC is John Ceballos, 2608 Fort Blvd, El Paso, TX 79930-2116. 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
- 20. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd 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.
- 21. 6th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 6th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 9 August 2020 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 74th 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.
- 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!* We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!
- 23. NATIONAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY:** The National Office will be closed from 23 Dec 2019 - 1 Jan 2020, for the Holiday Season.

President Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy New Year! We especially want to thank all our members for their service and helping the Association have another successful year. Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers during this time of year. On any given Holiday, there are those of our Armed Forces deployed to secure our freedom and to help those in need. We wish them a safe return.



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