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1. REQUEST FOR NAMES OF 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO

CAN AND WANT TO TRAVEL: The Association is trying to secure financing to support all travel expenses for any of our WW II, 82nd Airborne Division Members who wish to attend the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France and that wish to attend the 82nd Airborne Division Association's 2019 Convention in Washington D.C. Please quickly get me the names of any of these WW II members who wish to and can travel to these events. In order to request support for the financing, we must know what our costs will be. Please let us know by phone at (910)223-1182 or by email at execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. Thank you for your assistance.

2. IRS NOTIFICATIONS: Once again, the IRS is sending letters to some of our Chapters stating that their Form 990 has not been sent in. We have confirmed with our accountant that all forms have been turned in and were on time. If you receive one of these notifications, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail. Our accountant will correct this issue with the IRS with no further action needed by the Chapter.

3. DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT": Thank you for your "Holiday Troop Support" donations. We have already provided 500 meals to Troopers and their Families for Thanksgiving and are preparing to distribute 500 meals to Troopers and their Families for the Christmas Season on 12 December. We will also be handing out candy to children at the "82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert" on the 13th of December. I hope you have had the chance to see the Thanksgiving distribution on our Facebook page. To locate us on Facebook search @82ndassociation. We have received donations from:

504th PIR Association, Kentucky Airborne Chapter, South Florida All Airborne Chapter, Vulcan Chapter, St. Michael's Chapter, Wolverine Chapter, Chicago Chapter, New Jersey Chapter, Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter, Randy Vidrine, Wayne Katsara, Mel Greene, Rich Becker, and James Wilson Sr.

We also want to recognize the corporate donations received by the Association from:

Perdue Farms, McCall Farms, Penske Truck Rentals, Franklin Baking Company.

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4. **2019 CONVENTION:** The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will be hosted by the Washington D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th 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 73rd 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 82nd Airborne Division Association. There will be a web link set up soon, but for now only calling in is available. The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is available on our website under "Events". 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.
5. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, and Market Garden. Registration for AAW 2019 is open. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under "Events". **Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for a 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 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in application which is located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110.
6. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** **If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82nd 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 Hurricane Florence Troop Support, 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. 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:

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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.

7. **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.
8. **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).
9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer Changes to National as soon as possible 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. **2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2018 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, in mid-January 2019. If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.
11. **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 \$10.00, which includes shipping and handling.
12. **USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. These forms do not always relay the correct information and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of Jan 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.

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- 13. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the resources folder to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter continuity and Chapter startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.
- 14. 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
- 15. 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. 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.
- 16. 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 82nd 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!
- 17. 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>
- 18. 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. 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. Wreaths Across America, 14-16 December 2018 is in Alexandria, VA/Arlington Cemetery and is hosted by the Washington, DC Chapter. The host hotel is the **Hyatt Centric Arlington**: 800-233-1234.
 - b. 7th Annual Kentucky Airborne Reunion, 28 Feb-3 March 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky and is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Waller 502-306-4770. The host hotel is **Four Points by Sheraton Lexington**: 855-516-1090.

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- 19. NATIONAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY:** The National Office will be closed from 23 Dec 2018 - 1 Jan 2019, for the Holiday Season.
- 20. 5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 5th 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 73nd 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.
- 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!* 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 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.

Richard G. Becker
National President

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Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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