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- 2017 CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 71<sup>th</sup> National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL as well as for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division. Registration is \$100.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be The Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room and for Active Duty the rate is \$50 per room (max 4 persons per room). Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! <http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>

Posted online and also included in the Fall 2016 Paraglide is the 71<sup>st</sup> Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association and get their word out to a large portion of the Association Membership. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2017*.

Check out the 2017 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention – ORLANDO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/?fref=ts> for the latest updates. Also, look for updates on our website under Events.

- ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division):** Registration for AAW is now open. The registration and flyer is published in the Fall Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. With this being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Division, the Division is working to make this year's AAW a very special occasion for everyone, and will be adding special events. If you have never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come and see the amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year and we hope to have hundreds participate again when the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers on Sicily Drop Zone. It is a great event to be a part of and no 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Veteran should miss it. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises to outdo themselves again this year. I can't tell you how excited we all are about this year's AAW, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There is

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also a 2017 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line and you can have them shipped to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coin is available for viewing on our website and on our registration form, so check it out.

**Auction Baskets:** During AAW this year, we will again be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine, to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket and the approximate worth of the basket contents. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

3. **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 notification, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail, and we will ensure it is taken care of by our accountant.
4. **ASSOCIATION ALUMNI BOOK UPDATE-MAILING HAS BEGUN:** The Association has been informed by the publishers of the Alumni book that *mailing has started on December 7 and should be completed by December 9, 2016.* Due to the delay, the publisher has sent every member that has made a purchase a copy of the book digitally, if they supplied an email address. If you have any questions or wish to contact the publisher directly, they can be reached at 1-800-982-1590 or [customerservice@publishingconcepts.com](mailto:customerservice@publishingconcepts.com)
5. **ASSOCIATION SALES:** As you may have heard, our Association Sales manager had recently been in an accident and had been unable to work for a few weeks. He is on the road to recovery and has begun taking and fulfilling orders again. Please be patient and thank you for your understanding.
6. **WINTER 2016 PARAGLIDE:** Please remember that submissions for the Winter 2016 edition of the Paraglide is due by 30 December 2016. Please submit your articles directly to the editor at [paraglide@holmesteads.com](mailto:paraglide@holmesteads.com)
7. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx> to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin (instructions are below). Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
8. **POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** Please notify National of your Chapter's major one day events so that they can be posted on the Association website and Facebook page. Please submit your flyers to National so that they may be approved for posting. However, only

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events lasting 2 or more days will be posted in the Paraglide. They will only be placed on the website through the National office after the approval process.

**9. NEW DATABASE FOR THE ASSOCIATION:** Starting in November, each Chapter will be receiving monthly copies of your Chapter roster sent automatically by the new database. If you have not updated your Chapter information, the information sent to you may still be incorrect. Please update the roster so that we may finish correctly updating the database. If you have updated the roster and there are still discrepancies, please let us know so that we can make the corrections. It is our hope to have all the corrections made within the next few months so that you will receive accurate up-to-date rosters monthly from the new system. We appreciate your support in establishing this new system. Thank you for being patient with us during the transition period.

**10. E-NEWS BULLETINS:** The E-News bulletin is a way for all members of the Association to be kept informed of news articles related to Fort Bragg, the Airborne Community and the Army at large. If you are not receiving the E-News bulletin you can sign-up to receive it at the following link:  
<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html>

It is a great way of staying informed of what's happening within the Division through only two emails a month, and we are sure you will enjoy this information. There is no obligation to purchase anything, and if for any reason you do not enjoy this bulletin you can easily unsubscribe through the link provided at the bottom of the email. Thank you for your support.

**11. 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 the Paraglide and the Association website.

**12. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** 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. 2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2016 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.

**14. USAA CREDIT CARDS:** Please be aware that USAA is converting all existing MasterCard accounts to VISA in 2016. The transition will be seamless and have no impact on the current co-branded 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association/USAA cardholders other than a new card being automatically issued.

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**15. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, it would greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs we are trying to support for the Division, such as Holiday Troop Support. Please help the Association in supporting our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troops. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website [www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org) . Thank you for your support.

**16. DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT" PROGRAM:** We have had great success with our "Holiday Troop Support" program. We were able to provide Thanksgiving meals to 500 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Pictures and videos have been posted on our Facebook page, so check it out!

We are in the process of coordinating another 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. We are scheduled to give out the Christmas meals on 14 December 2016, with the help of the Division Chaplains and Chaplains' Assistants. 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 still 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.

**17. 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.

**18. CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL:** At the end of January 2017, we will again be sending out the Chapter portion of membership dues to the Chapters. If your PayPal account was not set up in the past and your funds were returned to us those funds will be included in the January funds so that you will not lose any of the funds due to you. Please ensure your PayPal accounts are set up so that your funds will clear quickly. You will receive a notice in your Chapter email account letting you know that the funds are available for you to accept and transfer to your account. We will only be making payments to the Chapters through PayPal and will not be issuing checks anymore. If your account is not set up by January, and the money is returned to us by PayPal, we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you when the next funds are issued in July 2017. You will not lose the money. If you still have any questions or need help in setting up your account please call us, and we will assist you. All this information has been previously sent to all the Chapter Chairmen, including tutorials on accessing your Association email accounts and tutorials on setting up your PayPal accounts to only receive payments to your bank account, without having to register any credit card, but if any Chairmen has not received this information please call us so

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we can get the information to you. We appreciate the help from all the Chapters who have completed this transition, and are ready to help any others who may still be having some problems.

**19. 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 [Events link](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html) [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).

- a. Hilton Head Weekend, 23-26, 2017 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa 888-511-5086.
- b. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 9-11 June 2017 is at Lafayette, LA and is hosted by the Acadiana Chapter. POC is Randy Vidrine 337-684-6175 or 337-288-2730. The host hotel is Ramada Inn US 167.

**20. 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. Attached is a flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71<sup>st</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win!

**21. 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 from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

**22. CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** The National Office will be closed from 23 December 2016 through 2 January 2017.

**23. 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR:** 7 December, 2016 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. Please take a moment to remember those lost during the Attack and the sacrifices of so many in securing our freedom during WW II.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and hope they had a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving. We wish all our Members and their Families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

In addition, we ask that you continue to remember our Armed Forces, especially those deployed, and their Families this Holiday Season. On any given Holiday, there are those of our Armed Forces deployed to secure our freedom and to help those in need. Please keep them in your thoughts and Prayers, and if you have the

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opportunity, thank their Families for their sacrifices during this Holiday Season. Freedom is not Free. Someone out there is paying the cost for all of us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen E. Schoppe".

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE  
National President

Enclosures  
OFFICIAL:  
BILL BAUER  
Executive Director

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