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

- 2021 CONVENTION:** Our 2021 Convention will be in Houston, Texas sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. They are already working out the planning and we will be posting the fliers and registration in January 2021.
- 7th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 7th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 75th 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.
- ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2021:** We have begun planning of our AAW 2021 event with more information available soon. We will be using Moon Hall as our main venue for 2021 and will begin registration and hotel reservations in January 2021, with hopes that by January we will have more information on the event for 2021.
- DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT":** We want to thank everyone for their



Holiday Troop Support project donations and support. On 20 Nov 2020 we conducted the Thanksgiving portion of the project and gave out 500 meals to the Troopers and their Families to show the Association's gratefulness for their sacrifices. Now we are gearing up for our second part of the project that will be conducted 11 Dec 2020, where we will again provide 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. We are working with the Division Chaplain's office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82nd Airborne Division Troops.

Our office still receives thanks from Families for last year's donations. The Meals will be distributed by the Association and Division Chaplains' office. You can still send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. 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, 28304, or you can go to our donations link at: [82nd Association Donations](#) to make your donation. This



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program is having 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 support.

5. **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.

6. **2020 CONVENTION COIN AVAILABLE:** Even though the 2020 Convention has been cancelled,



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Lone Star Texas Chapter has produced a 74th Convention coin commemorating the 75th 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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7. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2021:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2021:

- a. President Steven Copenig (Central Pennsylvania Chapter) was elected.
- b. Vice President Gary Covey (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter) was elected.
- c. National Secretary Maggie Peppers (Donald Lassen/Atlanta AA Chapter) was elected.
- d. National Treasurer William Waller (Kentucky Airborne Chapter) was re-elected.

8. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS:** We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2022 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.

9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** *When your Chapter elects new Officers please notify the National Office so that we can update our records. We have a new form for this report and will be emailing it to all the Chapters. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide names and contact information of 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. We have a new form for this report and will be emailing it to all the Chapters.*

10. **2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION:** The Association sponsored 2021 Alumni book information gathering period will end soon, and the publishing phase will begin. The book release date is planned for June-July 2021. 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.

11. ASSOCIATION ALL AMERICAN WEEK COIN: We are running low on the



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AAW 2020 coin and there will not be additional coins ordered.

Coins are available at the following link for \$16:

<https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/shop.html>

It is a unique coin and they are almost gone! Get it now.



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12. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE FOR

PURCHASE - The 82nd Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82nd 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. The preorders for the Association bottle with a Maroon Wax seal has already begun. In August 2020, the bottle became 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. Members who have purchased and tasted the Bourbon have been very impressed. I think the Association has done an excellent job in selecting and designing this bottle and if you have not looked into it yet, I urge you to do so.



To order call:
270-351-2013



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

14. 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 deployed Troopers of the 82nd 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.

b. **Holiday Troop Support 2020:** This year will be our 5th 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 82nd Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season (will be accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).



c. **Increasing Support for Dependent Children of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is currently looking into projects to increase our support of the Dependent Children of our 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes. We believe it is our obligation to work to ensure continued support of these Dependent Children and we are working hard to develop plans and funding to accomplish it. We will provide more information as our planning progresses.

15. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND: We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations have caused the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, to help make up for these losses of funds. Several Association Chapters have stepped up to the challenge and provided awesome funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2021 will take funding and we hope you will see the value in these projects. Please help us to realize the success of all our upcoming projects so that we can continue to Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.

16. ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 501(c)3 STATUS: The IRS has asked the National Office to submit further justification for approving the 501(c)3 status for our Association Chapters, and we have submitted the further documents for consideration. Please be patient and we will keep you advised of our progress.

17. 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.

- 18. NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH:** We are intent on aiding 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 National Office at P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 19. WEBSITE UPDATES:** Over the next few months we will be making updates to our website. This should not cause any issues for your use, but if you are unable to enter certain pages please check back later to see if the problem persists. If it does, please call our office for assistance.
- 20. 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.
- 21. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted): None
- 22. 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.
- 23. 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!
- 24. 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>
- 25. 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. All American Week 2021: plans are now beginning for AAW 2021. More Information to follow.
- b. 2021 Convention: Our 2021 Convention will be in Houston, Texas sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. They are already working out the planning and we will be posting the fliers and registration in the near future.

26. NATIONAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY: The National Office will be closed from 21 Dec 2020 - 4 Jan 2020, for the Holiday Season.

27. 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 wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



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. We wish them a safe return.

Gary Rezabek
National President

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