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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAWRENCE J. SLAVICEK

Fellow members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association,

As we move into the final stretch of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the great work being done across our Association and the momentum we continue to build together. Our 79th National Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee, was a meaningful gathering—an opportunity to reconnect, celebrate our shared heritage, and look ahead to what's next for our Airborne family. The camaraderie, pride, and spirit on display reminded me once again why this organization endures.

This year has also brought encouraging signs for our future. Our National Airborne Day Flash Sale drew an outstanding response, with more than 700 applicants taking part. That enthusiasm shows that our message still resonates and that there's a growing interest in being part of something bigger—something that carries the Airborne legacy forward.

Membership remains the heart of our Association. While we continue to honor the veterans who have carried this organization for decades, we also have an important mission ahead: to bring in and engage the next generation of paratroopers. The young men and women returning from today's service are the future of this Association, and it's up to all of us to welcome them, mentor them, and help them find their place among our ranks.

When I had the honor of speaking at All-Ohio Airborne Days in Dayton, I shared a simple message—our strength comes from our ability to adapt and grow. By modernizing how we connect and by fostering leadership at every level, we ensure that the 82nd Airborne Division Association remains as relevant and resilient as ever.

Looking ahead, I'm already excited for our 80th National Convention, to be held in San Antonio, Texas, in August of 2026. It will be another special opportunity to come together, celebrate our legacy, and continue building the future of our great Association.

Thank you for your continued support, commitment, and pride in this great Association. Together, we'll keep our mission alive and our legacy strong.

Airborne All The Way,
Lawrence J. Slavicek
National President
82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Troopers!

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the fall season with family and friends. The past few months have been full of activity, and it's been amazing to see our Airborne community in action.

Our 79th National Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee, was a memorable event—Troopers from across the country came together to celebrate our heritage and strengthen the bonds that make this Association special.

Membership remains the foundation of our Association. Our National Airborne Day Flash Sale brought in over 700 new and renewing members, and this kind of engagement is vital to the growth and future of our organization.



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

This September, we held our 2nd Annual Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember 5K, donating \$1,182 to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in honor of former 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper and Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., FDNY, who gave his life on 9/11. It was a meaningful way to remember and give back.

We continue to serve our Troopers and their families through Airborne Night Outs. In August, we joined the Fayetteville Woodpeckers for a night of baseball, and in October, we attended the NC State Finals Ranch Rodeo & Bull Riding Championship at 7 Branch Farm and Arena. These events provide an excellent opportunity to connect, relax, and enjoy time together as a community.

Looking ahead, Veterans Day is a special time to honor and celebrate the service of all our military men and women. On that day, we will also hold the drawing for our gun raffle, featuring a Sig Sauer M17X Pistol and a Sig Sauer MCX-Spear. Tickets are available now and can be purchased on our event page—don't miss your chance to participate!

After Veterans Day, we look forward to more Airborne Night Outs, including Star Wars Night with the Fayetteville Marksmen Hockey team in January and another night with the Fayetteville Woodpeckers this spring. We are also preparing for our spring cycling event, Pedals for Paratroopers, and registration will open soon. Proceeds from this event will directly support Soldier outreach and resiliency programs, including the return of the All American Adventure, helping strengthen camaraderie, wellness, and connection within our Airborne community.

We're also preparing for our Giving Tuesday Campaign (November 24–December 2) and our 10th Annual Holiday Troop Support Project, providing 1,000 meals to active duty Troopers and their families this holiday season.

Planning is underway for the 80th National Convention in San Antonio, Texas, August 2026—registration is open on our website. Keep an eye out for All American Week registration, coming soon!

A huge thank-you to our chapters, members, and volunteers—your support and dedication make everything we do possible. Together, we keep the Airborne spirit alive!

Airborne! All the Way!
ISG (R) James Grimes
Executive Director
82nd Airborne Division Association

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82nd Airborne Division Association 79th National Convention

Knoxville, Tennessee



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79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION SPOUSES BRUNCH

A big thank-you to Sue Copening for hosting a fantastic Breakfast at Tiffany's Brunch for the spouses—it was a beautiful morning filled with great company and conversation!



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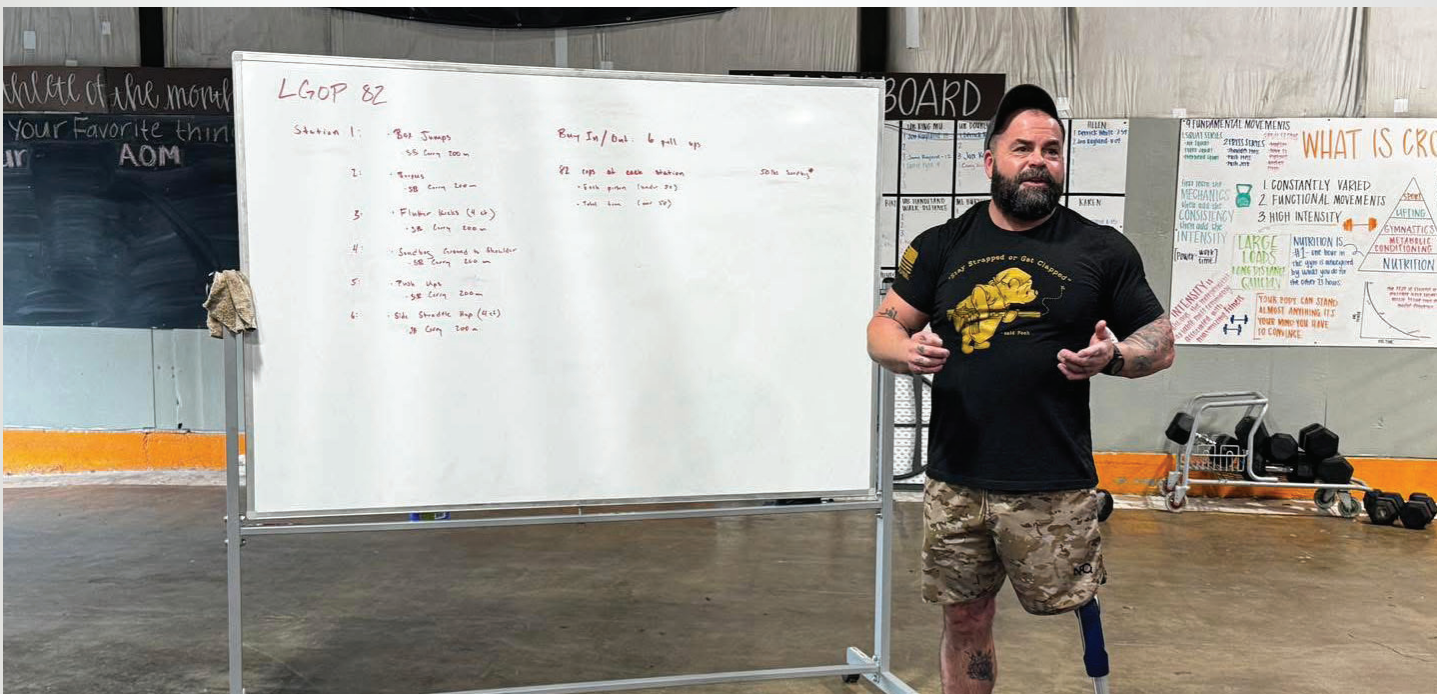


79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION WARRIOR FITNESS EVENT

Rocky Top CrossFit welcomed the 82nd Airborne Division Association and guests for a special community workout led by Wounded Warrior Derick Carver, the 2017 “World’s Strongest Disabled Man.” The event aimed to raise funds, promote health and wellness, and increase awareness of the Wounded Warrior mission.



79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION WARRIOR FITNESS EVENT



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79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETINGS

Association Members got to business during the Annual Convention while attending the General Membership Meeting, Delegate Meetings, and Board of Director Meetings.



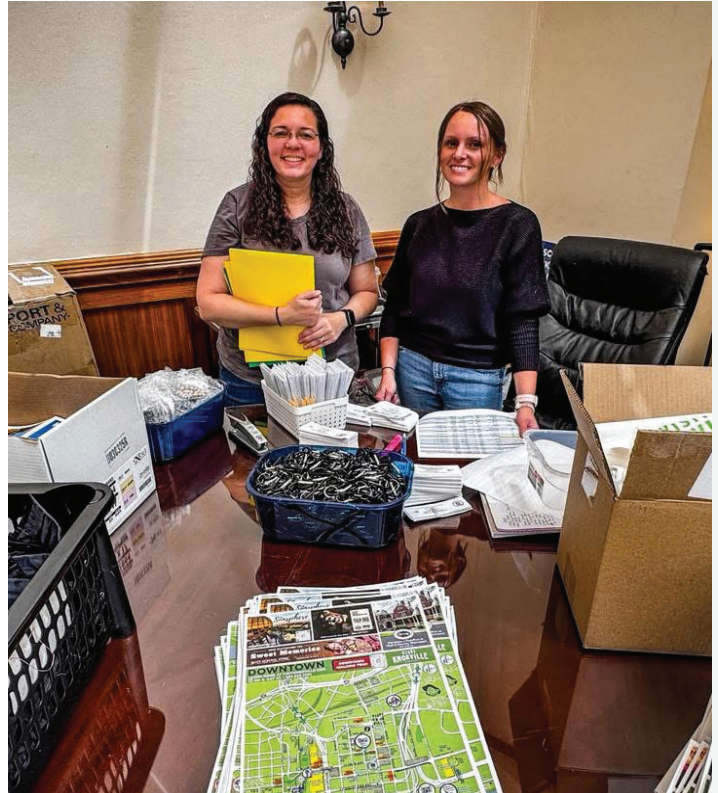
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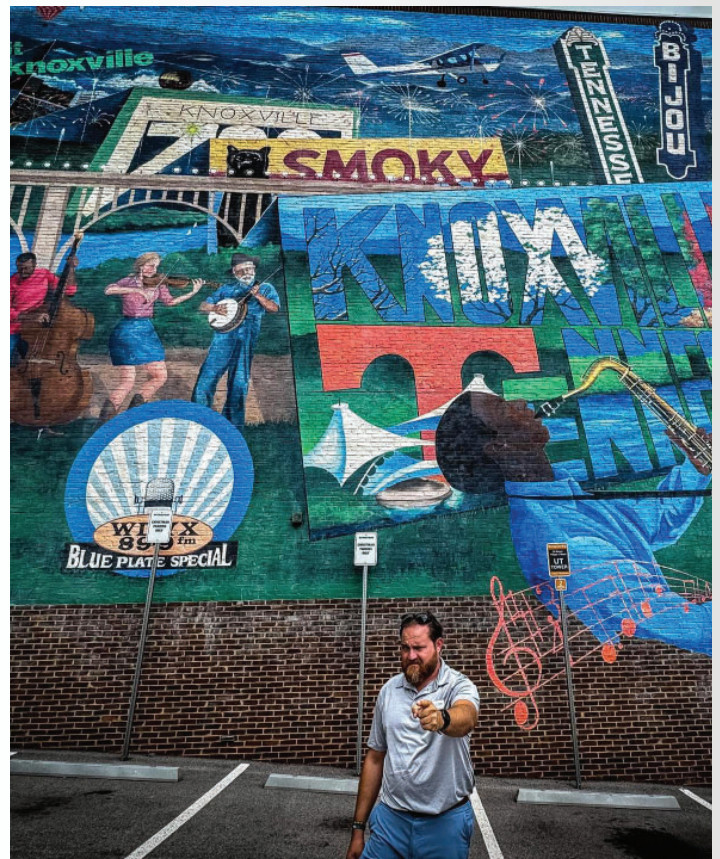
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FALL AIRBORNE NIGHT OUT

The National Office continues to serve our Troopers and their families through Airborne Night Outs. 100 Paratroopers and their families attended the NC State Finals Ranch Rodeo & Bull Riding Championship at 7 Branch Farm and Arena and were treated to a BBQ Dinner.



FALL AIRBORNE NIGHT OUT



SUMMER AIRBORNE NIGHT OUT

National Airborne Day was an exciting day for the Association! Not only did we have a successful All American Flash Sale event, we also hosted our Summer Airborne Night Out event for Troopers and their families. Troopers and their families were able to watch the Fayetteville Woodpeckers play a baseball game at Segra Stadium.



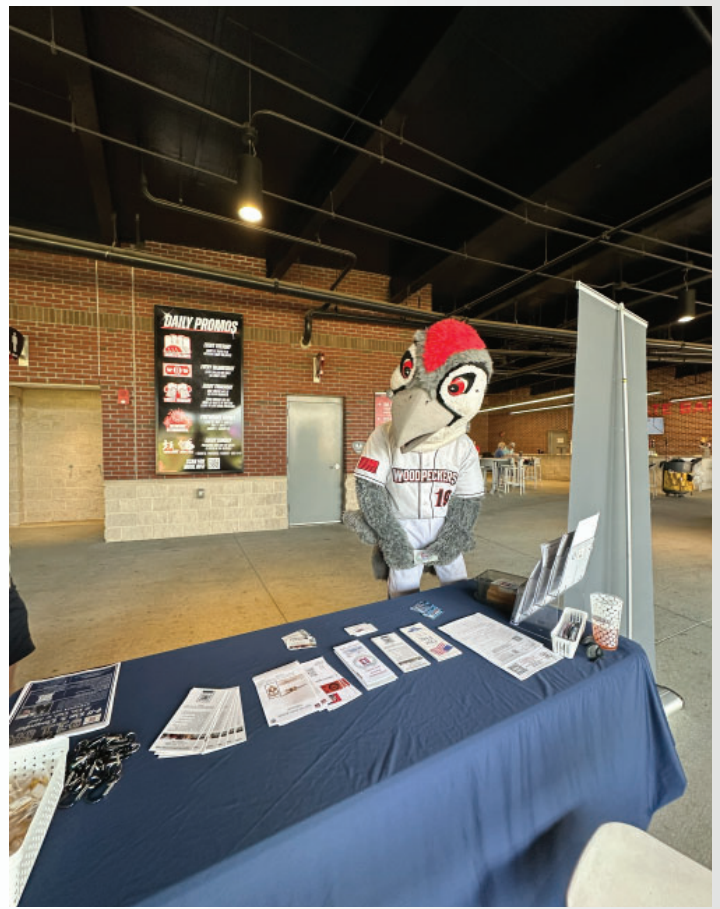
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ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS

The General Matthew Ridgway Chapter hosted All Ohio Airborne Days this October at the Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center in Dayton, Ohio. Troopers, families, and friends gathered to reconnect, share stories, and welcome new faces.

Participants enjoyed visits to the Veterans Memorial Museum in Germantown and Jungle Jim's International Market, rounding out a weekend of camaraderie and community.



ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS



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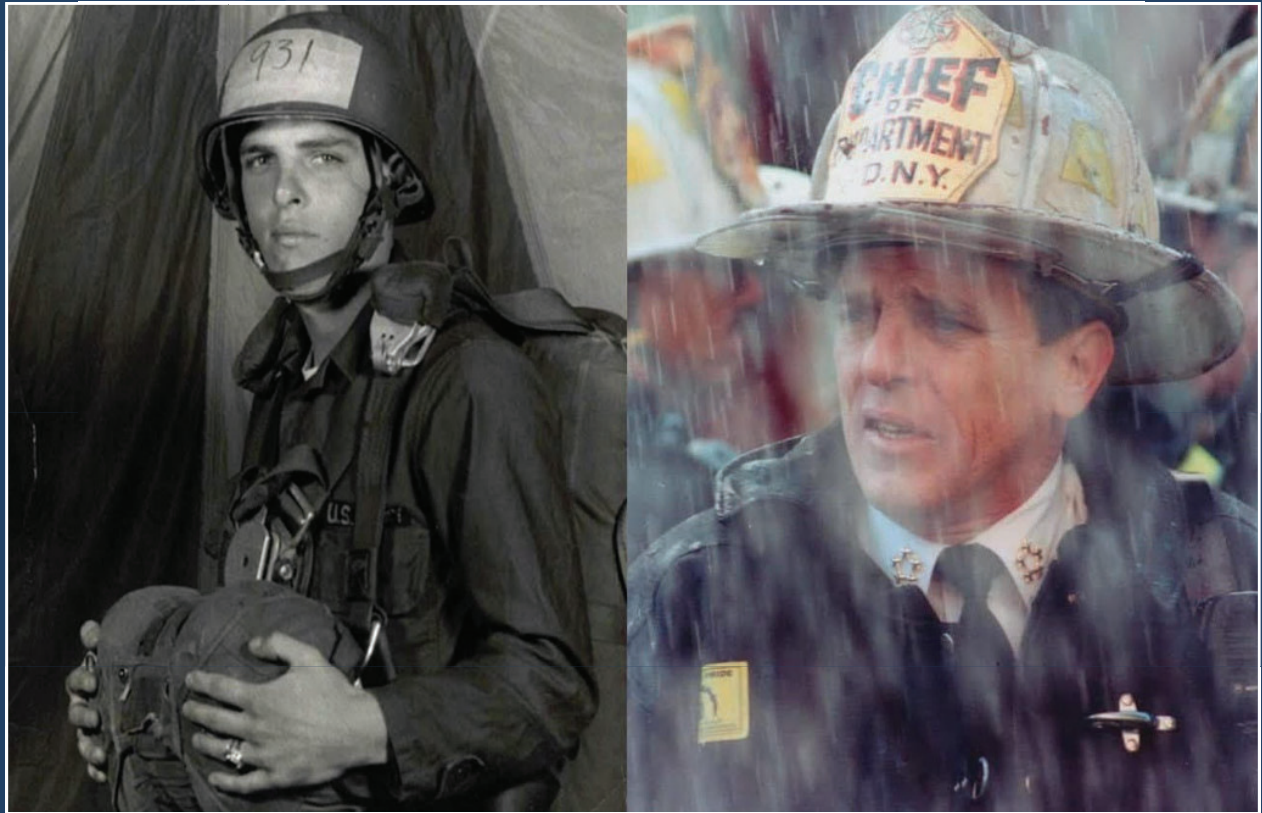




9-11 Run to Remember

5K Run, Ruck, or Walk

REMEMBER AND HONOR



The **82nd Airborne Division Association** hosted their 2nd Annual 9-11 Run to Remember 5K (Run, Ruck, or Walk) at Carvers Creek Sandhill Access to honor and remember the lives lost and the heroes of September 11th, 2001. Thanks to our donors and runners, we were able to donate \$1,182.00 to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in honor of former 82nd Airborne Division Paratrooper and Chief of Department Peter J. Ganci, Jr., FDNY, who gave his life on 9/11.

Thank you for your support!

2ND ANNUAL 9/11 RUN, RUCK, WALK TO REMEMBER 5K



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The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial

Washington D.C.

www.ndswm.org

The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

Today, the United States lacks a national memorial dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of its Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association's goal is for completion of the Memorial to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, in 2021.

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

Location

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Financial Position

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

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DESERT STORM
AND
DESERT SHIELD
MEMORIAL**





VETERAN CHAPTER NEWS

This section reflects the backbone of the Association - the Chapters and what you are doing month in and month out to enhance the Airborne spirit across America. When writing for this section, we ask that you keep in mind the following tips.

Issue date: The dates are the 30th of January, April, July and October. Please write as if the event is taking place before those dates.

Captions: Include information for every photo so everyone will know who's who.

Send to Executive Director: Please send all TAPS, changes of address and new Chapter Officers so that the Association's records may be accurately maintained.

Space: The general rule for space is that each Chapter is allotted 1 page and we use everyone's submissions. However, cuts must sometimes be made in the interest of space and overall page count.

CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

ALL THE WAY, everyone from Central Ohio. We hope all of you are doing well. The Chapter held its annual Steak Fry in August at Tom Simons' home. Tom has been hosting this event for several years now and our members enjoy the camaraderie and excellent food. Tom is a master with steaks. Chapter Chairman Steve Holcomb attended the National Convention in Knoxville and gave a report on the activities and business meetings.

In September we held our Fallen Heroes ceremony at the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial in Sunbury, Ohio. This memorial park, which looks like a small National Cemetery, honors those Ohio service members killed during the Global War on Terror. We have identified 14 Troopers that were assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division when they were killed. It is a somber ceremony where we recognize them and honor any members of our Chapter we have lost during the past year.

Until next time, be smart and be safe!



Chapter members Ed Powell, Bill Waldron, Pete Brandel, Melvin Gardner and Charlie Meade at the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial.

CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Chapter members Bill Waldron, Bob Jackson, Ed Powell, Tom Simons, Jr. and Chapter Chairman Steve Holcomb at the August Steak Fry.

GEN M.B. RIDGWAY CHAPTER

The Dennis L. Via Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association remains active in honoring the Airborne legacy, supporting veterans, and engaging the community. Named for General Dennis L. Via, the first Signal Corps officer to achieve four-star rank, the chapter provides a home for former members of the 82d Signal Battalion and all airborne signal soldiers.

In May 2025, members traveled to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for All-American Week, joining thousands of veterans, active-duty paratroopers, and families.

Chapter highlights included participation in the division review, attending the veterans' memorial ceremony, viewing the division run, and reconnecting with paratroopers from across the country.

Members also attended the 82nd Airborne Division Association's annual convention, exchanging ideas on veteran support, preserving the division's legacy, and membership growth. Lessons learned are already shaping the chapter's future plans.

In September 2025, the chapter elected its newest executive committee

Chairman: Rock Schmidt

Vice Chairman: Timmy Wall

Secretary: Terri Bishop

Secretary: Pete Hill

Our leaders are actively engaged in preparations for upcoming events and strengthening ties among former signal troopers.

Looking ahead to 2026, planning is underway for All-American Week 2026 and the San Antonio convention. Our goals for All American Week 2026 (May, Fort Bragg) are to boost member turnout, support memorial activities, and expand participation in division events.

Likewise, for the 2026 Association Convention (San Antonio), we look to increase attendance by former signal troopers and make the convention a signature event that reflects both history and vitality.

The Dennis L. Via Chapter continues to honor the past while serving today's Airborne—and Signal—community. All the Way!

GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER

The 81st anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France, was fantastic! As part of the celebration, many WWII veterans were given the opportunity to return to Normandy. One organization to offer this amazing experience was the Best Defense Foundation (BDF). For many years, the BDF, founded by former NFL football player Donnie Edwards, has followed the motto of taking care of the ones who took care of us. This year, the BDF, along with its partners Delta Air Lines and Michelin, took 23 veterans from WWII to Normandy for a 10-day expense-free program to honor them and allow them the opportunity to feel the love and appreciation of the French people.

For the fourth year in a row, Delta Air Lines, as a partner of BDF, provided the air service to Normandy. All the veterans were provided with a volunteer caregiver to travel with them from their home of residence to Atlanta, GA. In Atlanta, the veterans were treated to a wonderful kickoff dinner at the Delta Flight Museum. Following the kickoff dinner, the next day, the veterans, caregivers, medical staff, Next Generation Students, and additional volunteers all boarded a privately chartered Delta Boeing 767-300 and flew directly from Atlanta, Georgia to Deauville Airport in Normandy, France. All the veterans were provided with first-class seats while being closely attended to by the best flight crew members in the aviation industry, as well as a top-notch hand-selected medical staff specifically trained in the health care of the elderly. This medical staff, along with their caregivers, remained with the veterans throughout the entire 10-day program.

The average age of the veterans attending with the BDF this year was 99. The oldest veteran among the group was 2LT Betty Huffman-Rosevear, Army Nurse Corps, who turned 104 while in France. With the number of veterans, volunteer caregivers, and medical staff, the organization is divided up into squads of 4-5 veterans per squad. Each squad has a volunteer assigned as a 24/7 caregiver for their veteran, a medical staff member, and a Next Generation Student. Each squad has a volunteer squad leader who ensures the health and safety of the entire squad while coordinating with leadership on program activities. Last year, Delta Air Lines Captain Earl Tingle III was selected to be one of the ten volunteer caregivers out of over 300+ who applied for the



caregiver position from Delta Air Lines. Earl served as a caregiver for Veteran Paul Priest of Box Elder, SD. This year, Earl had the pleasure and honor of serving as a Squad Leader for 5 WWII veterans.

During the 10-day program, the veterans had the opportunity to speak at a local school in Normandy. Here, they had the chance to sit in the

GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER



classroom with the students and answer their questions in a close and intimate environment. Speaking with the French students, along with the BDF Next Generation students, ensures that the sacrifices of these veterans will never be forgotten. The veterans also had the opportunity to pay their respects to their friends and battle buddies who were killed in the war



during private visits to both the Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and the Brittany American Cemetery.

The veterans went on daily excursions throughout Normandy during this program. They visited Utah Beach, Mont St Michel, and attended the French Freedom Prize ceremony in Caen, France. One of the other major highlights of the program was the parade in Carentan, France. Here, the

GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER

veterans were cheered by the thousands who came to witness this parade of heroes. One moving event during this program was when a Frenchman by the name of Raymond Rivoal, who was orphaned during the Battle of Carentan in World War II when he was 8 years old, was reunited with



the soldier who saved him. Raymond came under the care of BDF veteran SSgt George K. Mullins, from the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne. SSgt Mullins was just 19 at the time provided Raymond with food and supplies and ensured his safe transfer to an orphanage before his unit moved on. Raymond has spent decades searching for the soldier who saved his life.



GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER

At the Omaha Beach ceremony, dignitaries from numerous countries gave welcome speeches to the Veterans and visitors. Our US Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth's speech focused on the valor and determination of the soldiers who came ashore the morning of 6 June following the earlier air drops of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. He also noted that today's military has exceptional role models in the US military of 1944. Several C-130s made passes along the beach during his speech, and platoons of Paratroopers of the 82nd were part of the honor guard.

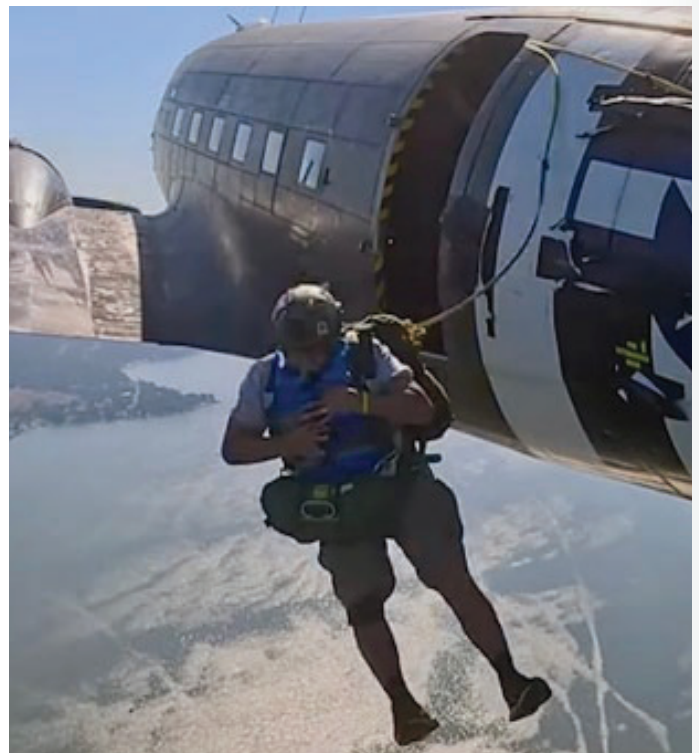
On 8 June, there was a sky full of parachutes at La Fiere DZ – this is the same DZ that the 82nd jumped into on 6 June 1944. This year, the estimate was that more than 600 paratroopers made the jump that day. The C-130s and other aircraft made numerous trips to the airport to take on more jumpers that morning. Paratroopers from the 82nd, as well as paratroopers from other countries, added a jump into La Fiere DZ in their jump log.

Already, plans are being made for the D-Day celebration for 2026. This will be another celebration worthy of a Paratrooper's attendance. Airborne! Col (Ret) Earl Tingle served as the Division Reenlistment officer and S3 of the 82nd Signal Battalion 1981- 1983. This was his 15th trip to the D-Day celebrations.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Our Chapter has been busy with Airborne Operations over the summer. Six members have made jumps out of a C-47 over Lake Dora, Tavares, FL in May and Aug. There were from 180 to 200 paratroopers jumping each time. At least 3 more members are trying to get on the list for the November Water Jump at Lake Eustis, FL. We are doing this through the Phantom Airborne Brigade located an hour from our Chapter. Pictured above to the right, are Tony Alger, Heath Davenport and Donnie Eierman. Of our six jumpers, two are over 80 years old! Donnie is 83 and Ken Hall pictured below center getting picked up from the lake is 86 years old. Airborne!



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Tony Alger and Donnie Eierman are caught on the tail camera exiting the aircraft. Heath Davenport is caught from the wing camera. We were all on the same flight. Many of our chapter members attended both jumps in support of the paratroopers and our chapter jumpers. Pictured below watching the other jumpers at the top of a hotel there are Thurston Helms, Tony Alger, Mike Devlin, and his wife Vicki. Bottom right, Donnie is approaching the water.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



In May, Stephen Fern and his better half Dana got rigged up for the 34 foot tower at All American Week. Also Ray Aponte and wife Rosita with Stephen and Dana at the AAW having a good time at Fort Bragg. Below right are the three musketeers Ray, Stephen and Ron Dalhgren at AAW Airborne!

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



NORTH TEXAS "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER

Our Chaplin James Denton Neumann II AKA "Jim" pulled his final slip on 16 April 2025. He was devoted to the church and a man of many talents. His greatest talent was his unmatched humility. An adventurer at heart, if being a Paratrooper was not enough! He skydived from airplanes and hot air balloons, flew C-182 aircrafts, snorkeled, was a scuba diver, rock climbed, and even base jumped. Most notably he once base jumped off El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. Jim held an unofficial world record for 435 consecutive months of active skydiving.

Jim followed in his father's footsteps and proudly served as a Paratrooper in the 82nd ABN DIV. Jim was inspired by his father who served in 3 wars as an Army officer. After enlisting in the Army at the Pentagon in 1964, he was assigned to HHC 2/504 82nd ABN DIV. Jim notably served at the power plant in Santo Domingo during Operation Power Pack. After his military service, Jim started a skydiving club at the University of North Texas-Denton where he also graduated from in 1970. Jim later became a U.S. Parachute Assoc. Jumpmaster and instructor.

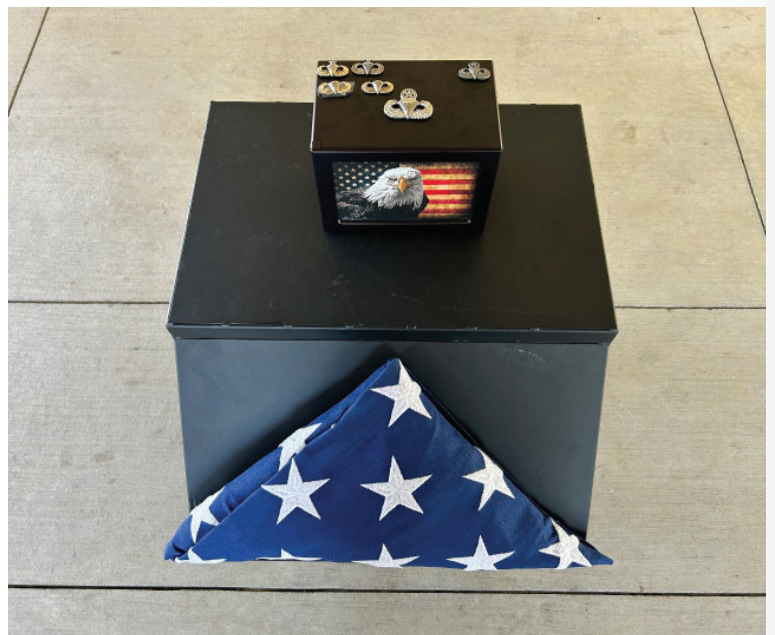
Jim's favorite song was "Beach Baby" by First Class and in his own words "I enjoy being around jumpers and former jumpers, they are the best, Airborne!!

Several North Texas chapter members took a road trip to in Killeen Texas and celebrated National Airborne Day with the Central Texas Chapter and the Texas Chapter 13 of the 173rd ABN BDE ASSOC. Lots of fun prizes and camaraderie, what a great Texas roundup!

We are proud to announce Scott V. Wright as our Trooper of the Quarter. He Served with the following units from 1972-1978, C BTRY/1ST BN-319TH FA RGT; HHC/3rd BN-325 PIR; and C Co. 1st BN-7th SFG.



Jim Neumann



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We had some challenges with this summer's fund raisers, but with the help of our Chaplain, creative planning and great donations, everything went off and everyone had a great time!

We "enjoyed" a rather hot summer up here, but saw some relief with rain bringing down the temperatures. While we looked forward to that, we were afraid that the rain would wash out the Pig Roast! As our Chaplain, (Gary Beltoya), channel's General Patton's Chaplain on a regular basis, the rain abated early in the morning so by the time we kicked off the roast, the sun was out with a cool breeze off of Lake Michigan. Our honored guest, SGT Kyle Moser Was presented with a check by chapter member Jimmy Gerber. SGT Moser and his support dog Ruger drove up from his home in Oswego, Illinois and brought his family with him. The ground wasn't too bad, so he was able to get around and meet with the people that came out. Kyle was escorted to the Kemper Center by 25 members of the Legion Riders on their Harley's. The local chapter of the Marine Corps League once again donated the pigs and cooked them, with a local Pumpkin Farm donating the corn to be roasted and other friends of FEC's Place making the salads and desserts. Throw in some live music and you have the perfect way to spend a summer's afternoon. Our Chapter and FEC's Place have now been teaming up with this annual event for the past twenty years!!

Two weeks later the chapter hosted its annual car show to raise funds for the severely wounded. Again challenges were issued and solutions found! We hold the car show at a county park that was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps back in the 1930's. Quickly approaching a hundred years and naturally it's in need of a face lift and the river running through it in need of some dredging. So we were restricted from most of our display area. We thought we might have to downsize (less money), but the Kenosha Legends Car club assisted in parking cars closer together and we were able to get the same amount of cars in this year as last year!

We had the very best weather you could wish for and we credit our Chaplain again!! While we set up at 06:00, cars were waiting at the gates to get in. The legends again made it easier to handle the cars entrance by having two side by side lines set up to move the cars in faster. One of our honorary members and his family took the cold weather of Wisconsin to find and fill free goody bags for the first hundred cars coming through the gates.

The chapter was blessed with so many high value donations this year. Everything from a "Snap On Tools" peddle car to a homemade electric guitar. The luckiest man I have ever met, member Steve Brunelle donated a cooler of top brand liquor which he divided into three opportunities to win baskets. We also offered a bottle of the 82nd Airborne Bourbon, which we doubled our investment on!! Add to that, Car Product baskets, a Mission BBQ basket and a 50/50 raffle and chapter members were kept busy all day.

Our honored guest was SSG Ryan Ninedorf who was severely wounded when his Hummer ran over an IED in Afghanistan. He is from Chilton, Wisconsin so a native son. He rode his Harley Davidson down to meet up with thirty other members of the Legion Riders and arrive before our noon time ceremony. I had him pick out his favorite car at the show and he awarded him with a special trophy. This year before the ceremony we had a Pipe Major performing. She also sang the National Anthem as our anthem doesn't play well on the bag pipes. A local Scout Troop acted as color guard and we were assisted by the Kenosha Police Cadets who helped with both traffic and crowd control. As always, the co-located Biergarten supplied the members and workers with a free bier and brat or for the scouts and cadets a free root beer and brat as a way of saying thanks!

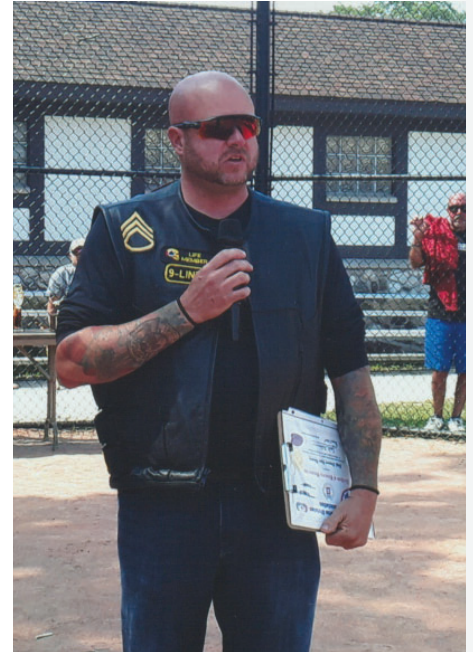


With as many challenges as we faced this year, we are looking forward to the After Action Review. Remaining flexible at all times really got us through this year and will aid in planning for next summer!

Chapter member Dan Boring was sidelined this year due to knee replacement surgery, but it didn't stop him from scouring the US and finding three more severely wounded warriors for us to send checks. Dan was our ambassador to Walter Reed when combat wounded were coming back from Afghanistan. Since we don't have that anymore, he is busy locating those that he missed at

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the hospital due to them being either in recovery or physical therapy when he arrived. The first is SGT Matt Leyva who lost both legs to an IED in Afghanistan. SGT Brent Walker severely injured and medical y discharged after being too close to a suicide bomber in Afghanistan, 2009, and the last SSG James Clark who lost a leg to an IED in Afghanistan, also in 2009. The Chapter will continue to reach out and find the most deserving of our wounded warriors.



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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 80TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 12-15, 2026

San Antonio, Texas



Convention Registration

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members and guests to join us in San Antonio, TX for the Association's 80th National Convention. Registration for the Convention is \$225 per attendee, which covers a T-shirt, food, snacks, and drinks in the hospitality room, two formal dinners*, and a special spouse's brunch—truly a great value! Please register early, as the registration will increase to \$250 per attendee after July 31, 2026.

Upon arrival at the hotel, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk for your welcome packet. Signage will guide you to the registration location.

You can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or you can mail in your registration to:



82nd Airborne Division Association
PO Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304



We've secured an exclusive rate of **\$142 per night (plus tax)** for registered Association members at the **Holiday Inn - San Antonio Riverwalk**. This rate is available **three days before and three days after the Convention**, giving you the perfect opportunity to turn your convention trip into a fantastic vacation! Please note, the reservation cutoff date is **July 31, 2026**. After this date, room rates will increase, so be sure to **book early - rooms are limited!** Overnight Self-Parking is available for \$20.00/day. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

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210-224-2500 (For any assistance with booking, questions, or special accommodations, please call this number)

(Reference 82nd Airborne Division Association)

Group Code: A82

Alternatively, you can book your room **online** at:
<https://tinyurl.com/82ABNAssociationConvention>

Or simply scan the QR code to the right.



**Memorial Dinner - Coat and Tie/Cocktail*

**Banquet - Coat and Tie/Evening Attire*



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Name			
Phone Number		Email	
Street Address		City/State/Zip Code	
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Rank		Association Member Number	
Spouse/Guest 1		Guest 2	
Guest 3		Guest 4	
Please list any dietary restrictions or handicap needs/special accommodations below.			

Registration Fee is \$225 per person (Includes T-shirt, Hospitality Room, Memorial Dinner*, Banquet* and Spouse's Brunch) Registration Fee will increase to \$250 per person after July 31, 2026					
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kentucky@82ndairborneassociation.org**



**KENTUCKY AIRBORNE CHAPTER
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Lexington, KY 26-28 Feb 2026**

A Brotherhood Formed in Sweat

Registration \$90 per person prior to 01 Feb 2026, \$105 after. Registration closes 15 Feb.

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WEDNESDAY: Hospitality Room 1300 till Closing.

THURSDAY: Hospitality Room 0800 till Closing.

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- Hospitality Room 0800 – 1700
- Cocktails 1700 – 1800
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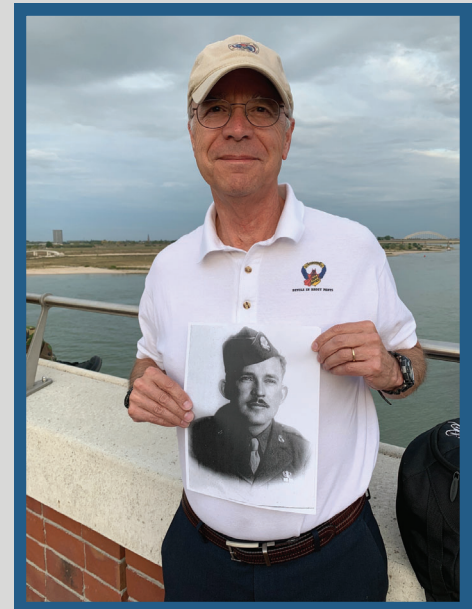
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After its original publication in 1951, **Those Devils in Baggy Pants** sold one million copies, was a Reader's Digest condensed book, and was translated into multiple languages. Now, years after being out of print, the hit bestseller is being republished by a member of Carter's own family-David Ross Fraley.

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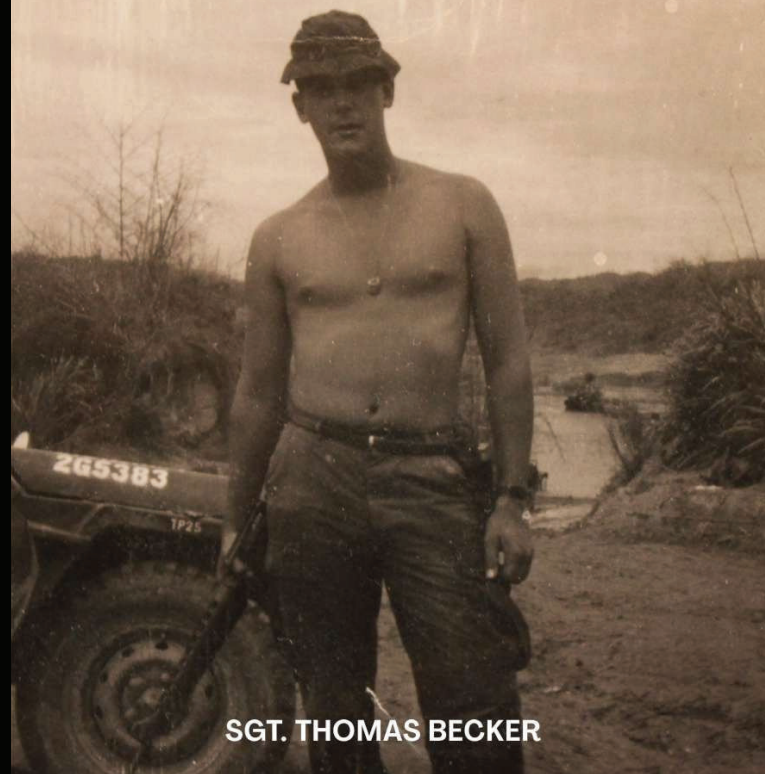
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From **November 24 – December 2**, your gift can be amplified through a \$500,000 matching fund.

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November 24-December 2, 2025



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Two separate drawings will be held. Drawing one will be held for a M17X Pistol. Drawing two will be for a MCX-Spear (choice of caliber). Purchasing of Raffle Tickets will close on 10 November 2025.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The **82nd Airborne Division Association** is proud to once again provide **1,000 holiday meals** to **Junior Enlisted Members and their Families** during the **Thanksgiving and December holiday seasons**. We invite you to join us in supporting our **Holiday Troop Support Project** through **monetary donations or contributions of goods** to be distributed. Your generosity directly supports our mission to care for our young Troopers and their Families — providing not just meals, but also the warmth and appreciation they deserve during the holiday season.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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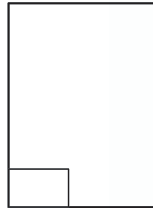
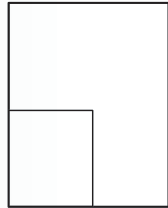
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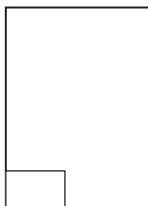
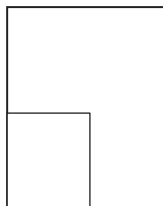
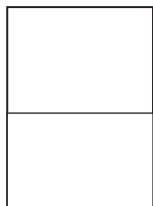
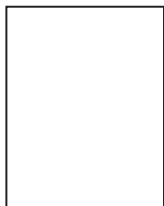


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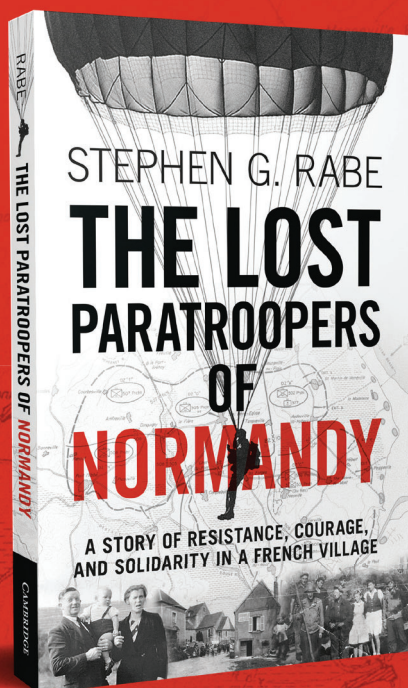
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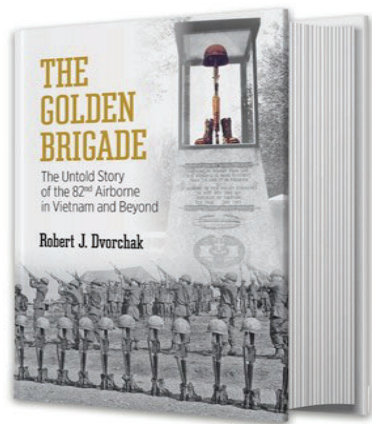


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Robert J. Dvorchak, 178 Jade Drive, Verona, PA 15147 412-793-5068
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Questions: Golden Brigade Chapter 804-338-8222

Name _____ Address _____

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82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2024-2025 Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2026

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications **MUST** be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than ***October 15, 2026***. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund

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All applications must include verification of
eligibility paperwork. Must show honorable
discharge, airborne qualification or proof of
assignment or attachment to the 82nd Airborne
Division. Please see information sheet for
acceptable documentation.

Membership Application, payment and update can also be processed online at www.82ndairborneassociation.org
under the Membership link or use the QR Code



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Email _____ (No email address will restrict your access to information.)

Chapter Preference _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

SSN (last four only)/ASN _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Spouse _____

Please check one: ☐ Annual Membership (\$35.00) or ☐ All American Member \$350.

☐ Transfer Chapter ☐ Update Information

☐ Current Member Replacement Card (\$5.00) ☐ Replacement Certificate for Current All American Members (\$10.00)

I would like to donate: ☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ \$100 ☐ other amount - to the General
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SERVICE INFORMATION:

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List AIRBORNE Unit(s) and Combat tours (Most recent first.) Please use the back if more space is needed.

Unit 1 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Unit 2 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

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Combat Tour/Conflict: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Effective April 2023



**MILITARY MEMBERSHIP
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Please print legibly!

**Membership/Updates can also be processed online
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LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)

CURRENT UNIT : _____ FROM MO/YR: _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR _____ TO MO/YR: _____

Upon ETS, please specify an affiliate Chapter you would like to transfer your membership to: _____

Veteran Chapters can be found at the following link: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/chapter-locator.html> or use the above
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BENEFITS: You have joined a Fraternity of Airborne Troopers (Paratroopers and Glidermen) that became the Charter members during WWII. Their legacy has proudly continued through the years by Paratroopers that now exceed 34,000 members in the largest and only Charter Airborne Association in the world. Additional benefits can be found on our website.

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ANNUAL MEMBERS: Receive a card that will expire one year from date of issue and are eligible to attend the August National Convention.

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 July 2023)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

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Association Card # _____

82nd Association Chapter _____

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ + _____

Dates Assigned/
Attached to the
1st BCT/504th
PIR

From
(MM/DD/YYYY)

To
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Unit _____

Rank _____

SSN _____

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Current
Occupation _____

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Male ☐
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First Name _____

Children _____

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Dues: _____

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Assn.

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Dues: _____

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Make check/money order payable
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Association, Inc.** and mail to:
James R. Cook, Treasurer
185 Fox Run Rd.
Pinehurst, NC 28374

If you are also joining the 82nd
Association, please send a separate
check/money order for that
membership payable to the **82nd
Airborne Division Association.**

**** You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application. ****

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

following Officers: Association Secretary - 504th.PIR.Association.Secretary@gmail.com

Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

Please visit our new website at www.504thpirassociation.org if you prefer to complete your application online.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUMP QUALIFIED Applicants OR Those Who Have Served in Combat with or Attached to One of the Following:

3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

505th Regimental Combat Team
505th Airborne Infantry Regiment
Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
508 Regimental Combat Team

PANTHER ASSOCIATION

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Lifetime Membership	\$75.05

Name _____ D.O.B. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

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Address _____

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Phone Number (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Unit assigned to _____ From _____ To _____

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DD214 _____ Jump School _____ Location _____ Year _____ Company _____

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505th RCT Association _____	505th Chapter of the 82nd Association _____
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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Note: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members: Gary Rezabek, President (garyrezabek@yahoo.com), Sue Federinko, Vice President (sfederinko82@gmail.com); Maggie Peppers, Secretary (peppers@82ndairborneassociation.org), Larry Stewart, Treasurer.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee will consider requests of the Divisions Wounded Warrior/ Purple Heart recipients for their own personal events. These might include fishing trips, mountain climbing, wounded warrior events, bike races and other events they might want to be sponsored for. They may request this through Gary Rezabek as listed above.

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help. If you are interested please contact the following for details.

Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872

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WOUNDED WARRIOR & GOLD STAR FAMILIES Of the 82nd Airborne Division

The committee of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund has made some changes over the past few years. The Committee has grown to meet the needs of troopers with service connected disabilities that were sustained in combat or during a training accident.

We have been assisting our troopers and their families in different ways over the last few years.

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

Travel and lodging for All American Week and to the 82nd Airborne National Convention.

Donations to the Fisher House at Ft Sam Houston TX, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Wash. DC and our own beloved Womack Army Medical Center NC.

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

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Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors.

Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Airborne Division Association WW Fund and mail to:

PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Your 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee would like to sincerely Thank You for your continued support for our Troopers through your donations, prayers, notes, etc. If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members.

If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.



“Dedicated To The Memory Of Those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers Who Lost Their Lives In Preparation For Combat Operations”



The 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association was formed to aid the 82d Airborne Division in raising and managing funds acquired from private donations to help memorialize significant events and the Soldiers of the Division through material markers in the 82d Airborne Division area.

The Association is fundraising with the goal of adding a new granite memorial at the 82d Airborne Division Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The concept design for the memorial is seen in the image above.

**All donations to the project are tax deductible.
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Use the form below and mail your donation to:

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As a proud partner of the DOD SkillBridge Program, we create civilian career pathways for active-duty members preparing for their next mission.





TAPS



The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

Wille Roger Cummings, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 98, passed away on August 20th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Jessie, daughter Col. (Ret) Edna W. Cummings, niece Jacqueline Evans, and two grandchildren. He served with B Co 82nd SIG.

David Adair Martin "Bear", a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 86, passed away on August 29th, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, Linwood Martin and Alene Larson; brothers Dwight and Douglas. He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Irene; daughters Stephanie and Sandra, grandchildren Chrissy, Cooper, and Amy, step-grandchildren Matthew and Savannah, great-grandson Stephen, and family. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran, and he received several Purple Hearts during his military service. David served 6 years in the U.S. Navy; he served with multiple units in the U.S. Army, HHC & A/2-325 AIR and Special Operations, rising to the rank of

Sergeant Major.

Henry G. Tutek, a member of the CPL Steven Koch Chapter, 94, passed away on August 13th, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary, siblings Helen, Annabel, John, Mary, and George. He is survived by his beloved wife of 29 years, Betty; sons Michael and Patrick; grandchildren Amelia, Anna, and William; stepsons William, Dale, and Bradley; and many other loving family members. In 1957, he was a First Lieutenant and commander of the last horse-mounted platoon in the U.S. Army 287th Military Horse Platoon in Berlin, Germany, where they competed against German, French, and British riders. While serving with HHC 325 AIR he completed thirteen parachute jumps from a C-119 Aircraft.

John Cleon Kiser, the Chairman of the ISG Leonard A. Funk MOH Chapter, 81, passed away on August 19th, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Marianne; brothers

William, Donald, and Robert; sister-in-law Gloria; and brother-in-law Robert Sabo. John is survived by his daughter Tracy, son-in-law David, and granddaughter Zoey; brother Barry; sisters Sandra, Rita, Bonnie, and Karen; and sister-in-law Jane. He served with Company A 1/504 PIR and bravely fought in combat during Operation Power Pack. John regularly participated in travels and annual trips to All American Week at Fort Bragg, as well as the 82nd Airborne Division Association Conventions with his best friends Joseph Falcone and Carroll Sylvester, the three were sometimes referred to as the "Three Amigos".

Ricardo Nevarez Trevizo, a member of the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter, 89, passed away on July 12th, 2025, surrounded by family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Andrea Trevizo; his loving children, Martha and Ricky; preceded in death by his daughter, Laura Trevizo; five adoring granddaughters;

and one precious great-granddaughter, all of whom were the light of his life. He served with 508 ARCT & 101st ABN DIV.

Charles F. Loy, a member of the Badger State All Airborne Chapter, 90, passed away peacefully on July 1st, 2025. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Burno and Senta; his loving wife Nancy; brothers Robert, James, and Allan; sisters Nancy and Betty; son Michael; daughter Pamela; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law. He is survived by his two sons, Kirk and Barry; two brothers, Raymond and William; two sisters, Margie and Mary, and other family members. Throughout 1955, Charles made 21 jumps as a paratrooper with the 319 AFAR 82nd Airborne Division and with the 11th Airborne in Ft. Campbell, and 11th Airborne at Augsburg and Munich, Germany. Charles was a member of the 82nd Airborne 4 Division rifle teams throughout 1955. He outshot all 160 members of the 4 Division rifle teams.

*Old Troopers never die,
they just slip away...*

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CHAPTER ISSUES: Some Chapters continue to struggle and have leadership issues, for a lot of reasons; illness, aging, family problems, etc. If no-one from the Chapter membership steps up, then it is inevitable that the Chapter may have to close. Another possibility is that Chapters may want to consider merging. In ALL cases, Chapter Officers must notify their membership, and then eventually enter the outcome in the Chapter meeting minutes. Next, the Chairman must notify National by mailing a signed letter of their intent. If the Chapter is closing, all Chapter monies and possessions must be provided the National office via Registered or Certified mail in accordance with the Association By-Laws. Exec. Director, James Grimes, ATW!

WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Air- borne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker
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1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Air- borne tab.

1980 - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

1992 - During Desert Storm, coordinated corporate and personal contributions amounting to \$4 million in goods and services and \$17,000 cash to help family members of deployed soldiers.

1994 - Following the accident at Pope, the Association provided \$5,000 for emergency use, Chapters in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia provided much needed support for hospitalized soldiers and their families.

2005-2009 - Provided donations for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Monument.

Beginning 2002 through 2012 - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington D.C.) and Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD and Brooke Medical Center (San Antonio, TX). Contributed funds for the new Division Chapel Stained Glass Window.

2009 - Hosted 42 Wounded Warrior and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 63rd Annual Convention.

2010 - Hosted 47 Wounded Warriors and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 64th Annual Convention.

2011 - Hosted 32 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations at the 65th National Convention.

2012 - Hosted 16 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and

Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

2013 - Hosted 7 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 67th National Convention.

2014 - Hosted 2 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 68th National Convention.

2015 - Donation to 82nd Museum \$1,000; Education Fund \$1,000. Sponsored Wounded Warriors at 2015 All American Week and Convention through Wounded Warrior Fund. Provided grants to 93 applicants through Education Fund.

2016 - Donation to All American members killed in training Memorial \$1,000. Donation of food to the Division Food Locker.

2016-2024 Holiday Troop Support - We provided 1,000 meals to the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

National Airborne Heritage Day – Through the efforts of Association members across the country for the past eleven years, the U.S. Senate, as well as many states and municipalities, have recognized August 16th as National Airborne Day, now named Airborne Heritage Day.

2018 - Inaugural All American Adventure – The Association had the honor of partnering with The Center for Discovery, in hosting 20 Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division for the first ever 'All American Adventure', in Hurleyville, NY. This project was made possible only by the generous gift of the Vera and Walter J. Scherr Foundation. The 'All American Adventure' project helps find ways

to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The inaugural event, inspired by The Center's world-renowned model for health and wellness, was developed specifically for our Troopers to help support and honor our men and women of the Division, who have recently returned home after nine month deployments in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

2018 Hurricane Florence Relief – We provided 250 Commissary gift cards to young Troopers and their families who lost their perishable goods during the power outages caused by Hurricane Florence.

2018 Holiday Concert – We provided hundreds of bags of candy for Santa to distribute to children during the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert.

2019 All American Adventure - The Association again partnered with the Center for Discovery and hosted a group of service men and women for a resiliency weekend in the Catskill Mountains in NY.

WWII Veteran Return to Normandy - The Association had the Honor of sponsoring a return trip for some of our WW II Veterans to Normandy, France for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

2018-2019 All American Adventure Project bringing Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to Catskill Mountains for a 4 day retreat of boating, fishing, hiking, biking, good food, campfires and concerts. Project is designed as a resiliency getaway for Troopers to relax and reenergize. Project will be done annually.

2019 - Sponsored trip for 4 82nd Airborne Division

WW II Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

2019- Sponsored the attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World WW II Veterans at the 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC.

2024 9/11 Run to Remember - Hosted first annual Run to Remember 5k in honor of those lost on 9/11/2001.

2024 Hurricane Helene Relief – Held a donation drive and provided St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter with multiple trailers of cold weather gear and a \$2,000 donation to help Veterans and their families impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

2024 Hurricane Milton Relief – Provided a \$2,000 donation to My Warriors Place in Tampa, Florida to support Veterans impacted by Hurricane Milton.

2025 Winter Airborne Night Out - Provided 100 Paratroopers and their families members with dinner and tickets to a Fayetteville Marksmen Hockey Game for a night of camaraderie and fun.

BENEFITS

Beyond the obvious benefits of lifetime friendships and membership in a Brotherhood that has no equal, the following are provided to members:

- **Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of**

Military news.

- **Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.**
- **Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.**
- **Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.**
- **Choose one of over 80 local Chapters through-out the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.**
- **Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.**
- **Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.**
- **Maintain that bond with the Military community.**

With your support, the Association can continue is to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.



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PARAGLIDE GUIDE

The Paraglide is your magazine. To make it professional and easy to read as possible, the following guidelines and pointers are offered.

CHAPTER NEWS

Space - Under the current structure of the Paraglide, each chapter is allocated a half page and we will use all submissions. When chapters submit more than that amount, it becomes necessary for the Executive Director to edit. You can calculate the one half page space using the following method. Set margins so that you have a 60-character line. Approximately 50 lines will equal one half page. Subtract approximately 12 to 15 lines for each photo.

Issue Dates - The Paraglide is published on the 30th of January, April, July and October. When you submit, write as if all events up to the publication date have taken place even if they haven't or hold it until the next issue.

STYLE

Ranks: It is policy of the Association to only use rank when the individual is active duty SGT, a general officer MG, or when the individual retired CSM (R) or former rank is significant to the story. **Dates and Times:** All dates and times are written civilian style. Do not include day with date; example: 4 p.m., July 15, 2009.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO THE PARAGLIDE

Please send the items below to the Executive Director, not the Paraglide Editor. This is necessary in order to maintain accurate Association Records.

The Executive Director forwards appropriate information to the Editor.

- Change of Address
- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

NEWS ARTICLES

News stories are generally based on an event and are reported written in the inverted pyramid style. This means the most important facts should go into the first paragraph, with the other details following in descending order of importance.

FEATURES

Feature stories are the soul of any publication. They're the heartwarming personality profiles, the tragic but heroic war stories, the photo features that make you believe you're there and the indomitable histories of people and events that have shaped the 82nd and the Association.

PHOTOS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is a dynamic group and the Paraglide should reflect that energy. When possible, submit action photos as opposed to posed or static shots. A good rule of thumb is to select photos in which the subjects' heads are dime-size or larger. Neither Xerox copies nor newspaper clippings can be reproduced for publication.

Caption: Identify everyone in the photo whose face is clearly shown. From left to right, include their first and last names.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be typed in upper and lower case letters. Please do not type in all capital letters. The name of your chapter should appear at the top of the page. When mailing, you may send registered or return receipt requested.

DEADLINES

The Paraglide deadlines are firm and should reflect upcoming events and those which took place the previous quarter.

The deadlines are as follows:

Issue / Deadline / Publish Date

Winter / December 30 / January 30

Spring / March 30 / April 30

Summer / June 30 / July 30

Fall / September 30 / October 30

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