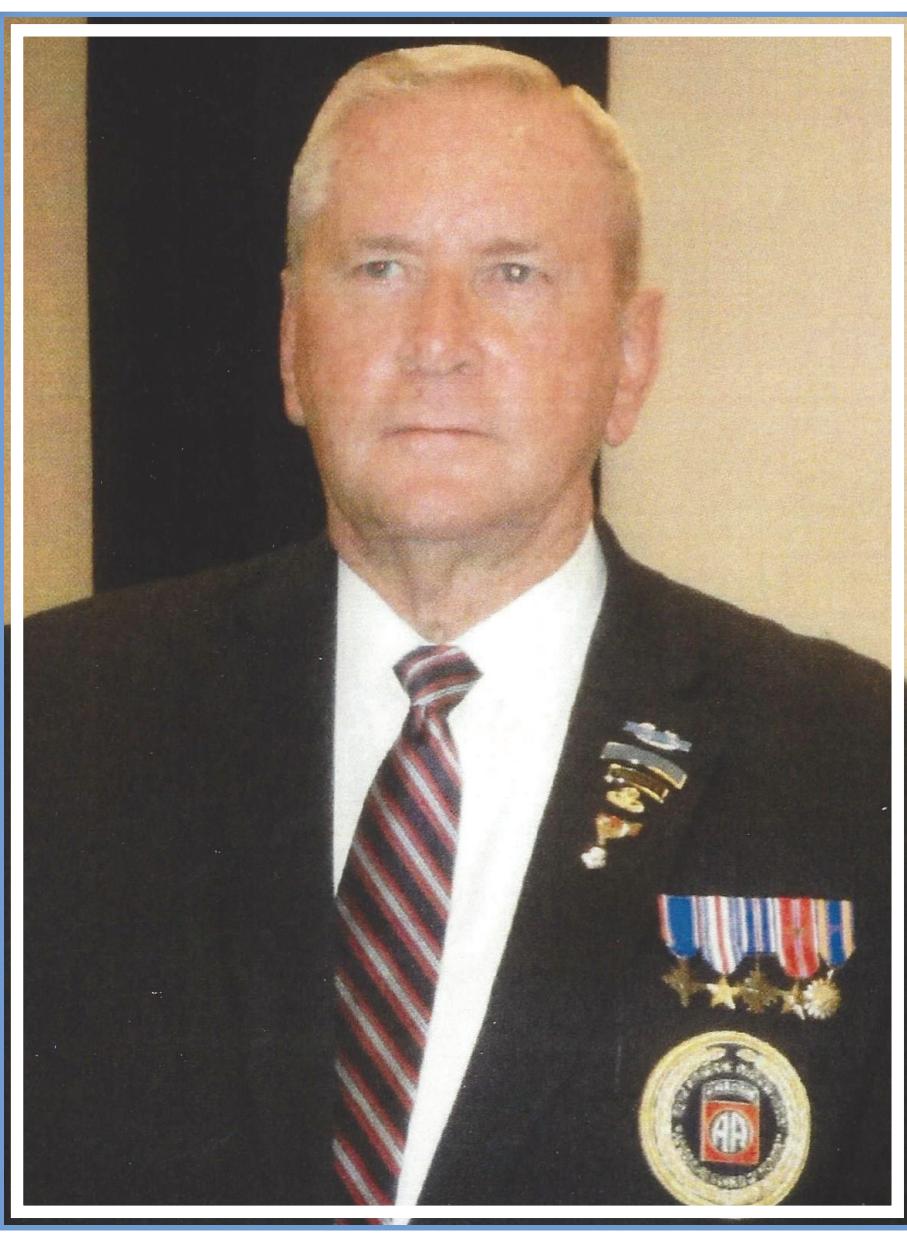


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAWRENCE J. SLAVICEK

Fellow members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association,

As we begin a new year, I want to reflect on the close of 2025 and the steady momentum of our Association. Winter is a time not only to look back with pride, but to focus intentionally on the opportunities ahead and the role each of us plays in shaping the future of this organization.

Over the past several months, I've had the privilege of spending time with Association members at events such as the Chicago holiday gathering, All-Ohio Airborne Days in Dayton and the Golden Brigade's 57th Annual Reunion in Williamsport. These conversations and connections reinforce the strength of our Airborne community and the importance of staying engaged, informed, and involved at every level.

As the year came to a close, our Association continued its tradition of supporting Troopers and their families during the holiday season. Through the dedication of our chapters, volunteers, and Chaplain teams, we once again demonstrated our commitment to taking care of our own.

Membership remains the foundation of this Association. While we honor the veterans who built this organization, our continued success depends on developing new initiatives that keep chapters active, strengthen community involvement, and welcome the next generation of Paratroopers into our ranks. Building that future requires leadership, participation, and shared Responsibility.

The coming months will be critical to the leadership of our Association. We will be seeking candidates for six Director positions—three new and three up for re-election—as well as candidates for the Treasurer position. I strongly encourage members who are willing to lead, serve, and help guide the Association forward to submit their names or accept a nomination. The future of this organization depends on members stepping up and answering the call to lead. I look forward to a competitive election for every position. Our Treasurer has traditionally been an elected Director and we need to return to one. One does not have to be a CPA to perform these duties. An understanding of budgeting and primary financial statements will be sufficient.

This is also a reminder that nominations are due for All American of the Year, an opportunity to recognize those who exemplify the very best of the Airborne spirit through service and Commitment.

Looking ahead, 2026 promises to be an exciting and meaningful year. All American Week and our 80th National Convention in San Antonio, Texas will give us the opportunity to honor our history while continuing to build a strong, relevant, and united Association for the generations to Come.

Thank you for your continued support, commitment, and pride in this great organization. Together, we will move the 82nd Airborne Division Association forward with purpose and resolve.

Airborne All The Way,

Lawrence J. Slavicek

National President

82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow Troopers!

As winter continues and we reflect on the close of another remarkable year, we hope this message finds you well and enjoying the season alongside family, friends, and fellow Paratroopers. This time of year reminds us of the strength of our Airborne community—and once again, that strength was on full display.

Thanks to our many generous donors, we were honored to provide 1,000 meals to active-duty Paratroopers and their families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, through a valued partnership with Texas Roadhouse, we were proud to distribute meals to Soldiers who worked the gate on Christmas Eve, ensuring those standing watch during the holiday felt appreciated and supported. These efforts would not have been possible without your continued generosity and commitment to taking care of our Troopers.

We were also privileged to donate and participate in Wreaths Across America at Sandhills Cemetery, honoring the service and sacrifice of our fallen Paratroopers. Standing together to remember those who came before us remains one of the most meaningful ways we preserve our Airborne legacy.

Earlier this year, we successfully held our Sig Sauer raffle, and we extend a sincere thank you to Sig Sauer for their support and partnership. Congratulations to our lucky winners, and thank you to everyone who participated. Additionally, Giving Tuesday was a tremendous success, with an outpouring of support from generous donors who continue to believe in our mission and our Troopers.

Looking ahead, there is much to be excited about. Registration is now open for All American Week this May and for our 80th National Convention, which will take place this August in San Antonio, Texas. We strongly encourage all members and Chapters to participate in these cornerstone events as well as seek out leadership opportunities coming available this year. There are six National Director positions as well as our National Treasurer that need to be filled for the 2027 year. We look forward to coming together to honor our history, strengthen our bonds, and celebrate the Airborne spirit.

We also have several exciting events on the horizon, including our Winter Airborne Night Out with the Fayetteville Marksmen Hockey Team, promising a great evening of camaraderie and fun. This April, we will host Pedal for Paratroopers, a Tri-Distance Bicycle Charity Ride dedicated to raising funds for the Association's All American Adventure, a program that helps promote resilience and mental health for at-risk Paratroopers and Veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division. We encourage everyone to get involved, whether by riding, volunteering, or supporting these efforts.

It continues to be an honor serving alongside such dedicated Chapters and members. Thank you for everything you do—your service, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment ensure the Airborne legacy remains strong.

Stay warm, stay engaged, and as always—

Airborne! All the Way!

**ISG (R) James Grimes
Executive Director
82nd Airborne Division Association**



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT

Our 10th Annual Holiday Troop Support Project has come to a successful close! On Friday, November 21st, 2025, and Friday, December 19th, 2025, we once again fulfilled our mission thanks to the outstanding generosity of our corporate sponsors, members, Chapters, individual supporters, and the continued assistance of the Division Chaplains and Religious Affairs Specialists. Through their combined efforts, we were able to distribute 500 meals to our Troopers and their families for Thanksgiving and another 500 meals during the December holiday season.

As with every year, preparing for these events required months of careful planning and coordination. The process begins well in advance with the coordinating of placing orders for canned goods, cookie and brownie mixes, stuffing, gravy, rolls, bread, and other essentials. On distribution days, the chickens are picked up to complete each meal. While the pace is fast and the workload demanding, every bit of effort is well worth it. This year, we were proud to distribute a total of 1,000 meals as a meaningful way to express our appreciation for the sacrifices made by our Troopers and their families.

One of the most rewarding moments of the project was seeing the smiles and gratitude of the families as they picked up their meals. For many who were unable to travel home for the holidays, this support helped make the season a little brighter. Those moments of connection and appreciation are what make this project so special year after year.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our donors and supporters whose generosity made this milestone year possible. We are especially grateful to the following individuals, organizations, and Chapters for their contributions in 2025: Greater Daytona All Airborne Chapter; Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter; Niagara Frontier Chapter; Southern Wisconsin All Airborne Chapter; Ben Vandervoort-Savannah-Hilton Head Island Chapter; West Virginia All Airborne Chapter; Wisconsin Badger State Chapter; Robert Sudbrink; Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter; and all Anonymous Donors. Your continued support allows this program to grow and thrive each year.

As with all holiday events, weeks of preparation pass quickly, and before you know it, the day is over and everyone heads home. What remains are the memories, the gratitude, and the impact made on our Troopers and their families. We are honored to have reached this 10th anniversary milestone and look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. Thank you all once again for making it possible.



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TEXAS ROADHOUSE

In partnership with Texas Roadhouse of Fayetteville, NC, our association was proud to provide 42 full hot meals to Paratroopers working the gates at Fort Bragg on Christmas Eve. These meals included chicken, pulled pork, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, sweet tea, and all condiments. We extend our sincere thanks to Texas Roadhouse for their generosity and support in helping us take care of those who serve.

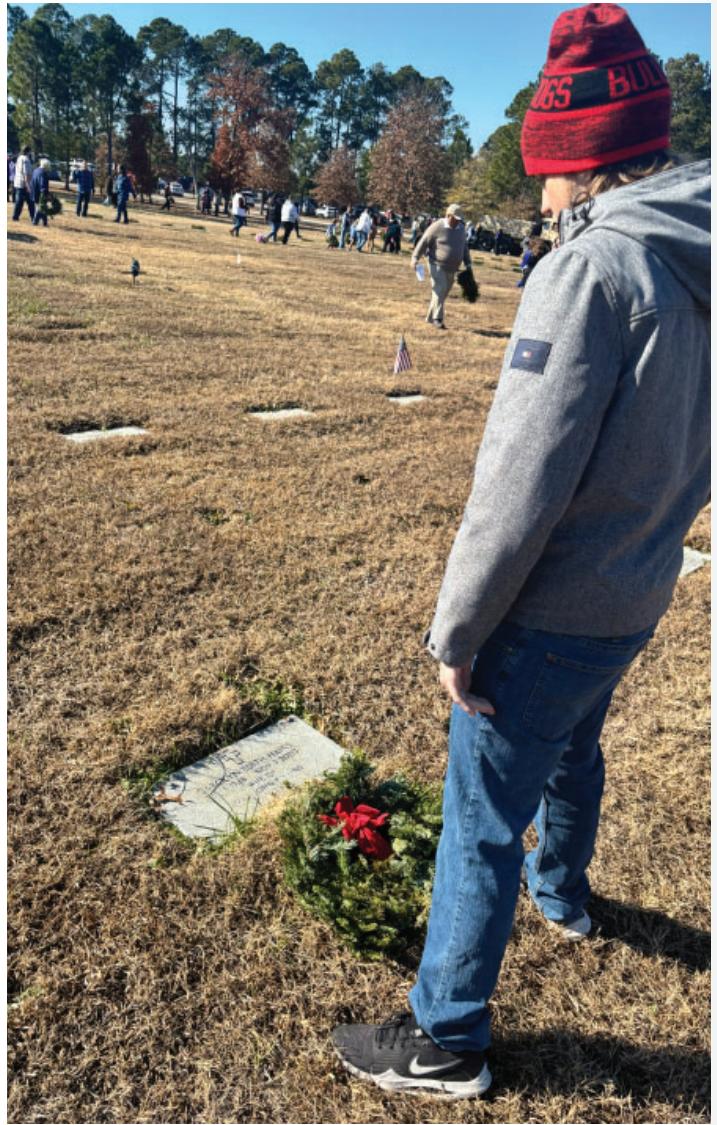


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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The 82nd Airborne Division Association proudly sponsored \$500 in wreaths for Wreaths Across America and volunteered to help lay them at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes.

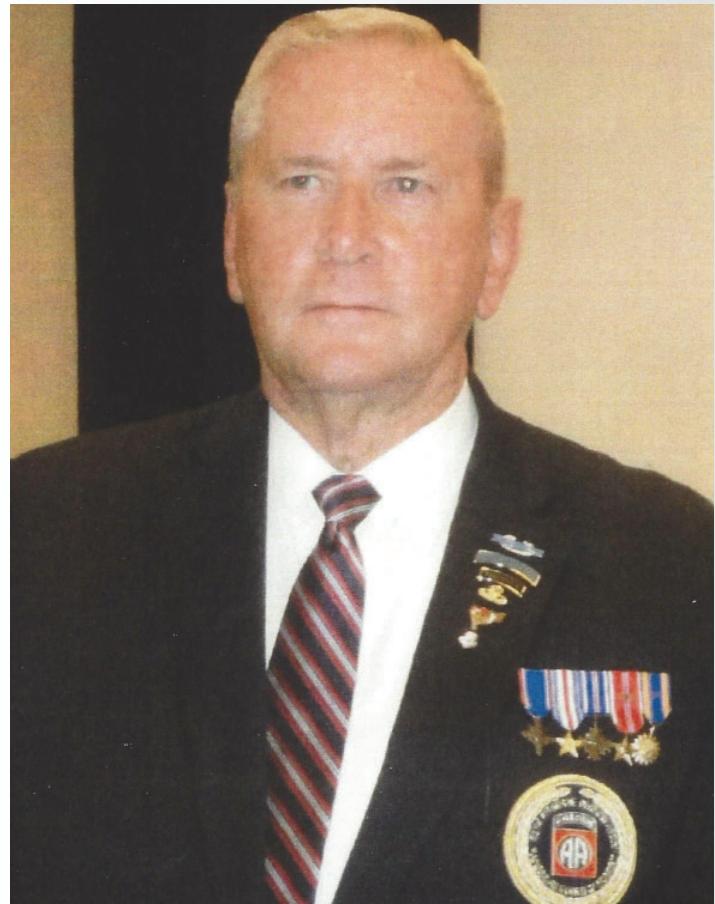


IN MEMORIAM: LT. COL. FREDRIC L. SPAULDING

April 9, 1940 – December 22, 2025

Lt. Col. Fredric L. Spaulding, Retired, a highly respected soldier and Past President of our Association, passed away on December 22, 2025, at the age of 85. Fred's life was marked by extraordinary service, courageous leadership, and a lifelong commitment to the Airborne and Ranger brotherhood.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Fred served nearly 30 years in the United States Army, from June 1958 through June 1987. A graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from Army College and later his master's degree from the University of Maryland. During his career, Fred served with distinction as an Airborne Army Ranger, Pathfinder, Master Parachutist, Raider/Reconnaissance Officer, and Special Forces Officer, deploying to combat zones in the Dominican Republic, Korea, and Vietnam.



In Vietnam, Fred's leadership under fire defined his legacy. He commanded multiple rifle and headquarters companies as well as three Special Forces "A" Teams. When tasked with taking charge of Firebase Henderson following a deadly enemy attack, Fred coordinated air strikes, evacuated the wounded, and returned under fire to recover fallen Soldiers so they could be brought home. In 1970, he was selected to plan and coordinate Operation Ripcord, one of the final major combat operations of the war. Despite intense enemy fire and severely damaged aircraft, Fred pressed on to ensure the successful extraction of all troops—actions that embodied the Ranger Creed and the words "Rangers Lead the Way."

For his valor and service, Fred received numerous awards, including the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Stars with Valor, Air Medals with Valor, Combat Infantryman Badge, and multiple unit citations.

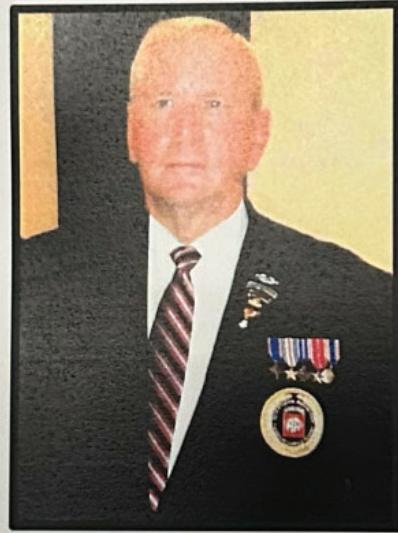
Following his military retirement, Fred continued to serve with the same dedication as a leader within our Association, proudly serving as President and mentor to many. His tenure was defined by integrity, steady leadership, and a deep respect for preserving our history while supporting fellow veterans and their families.

Lt. Col. Spaulding is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Micki Spaulding, and his brother, Jon Spaulding. His legacy of leadership, service, and brotherhood will remain an enduring part of this Association and the lives he touched.

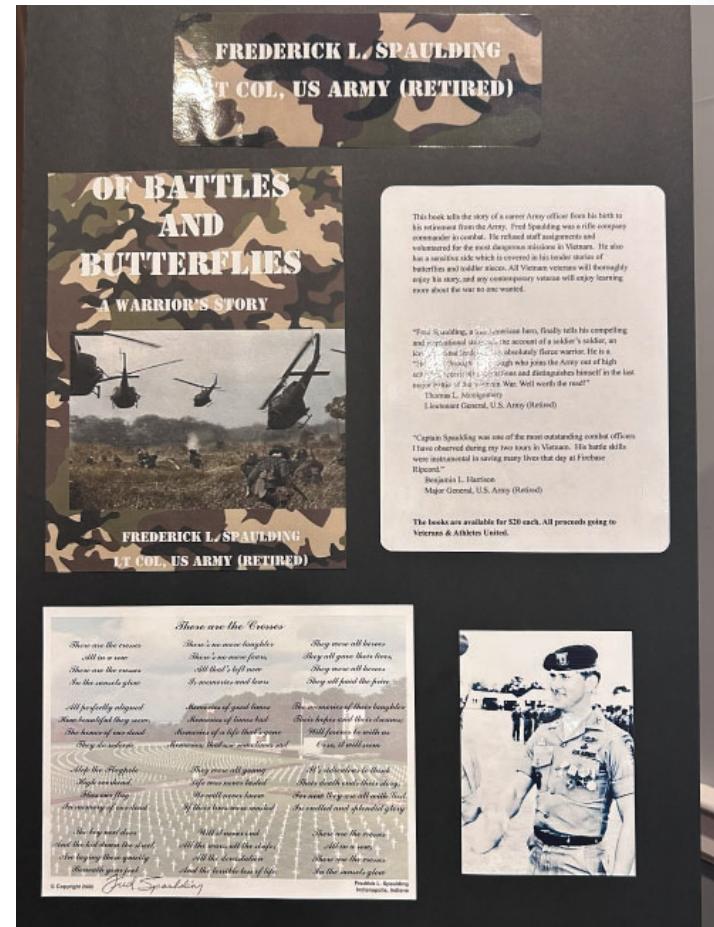
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In Loving Memory



*Lt. Col. Fredric L. Spaulding
April 9, 1940 ~ December 22, 2025*



HONORING AN ALL-AMERICAN: WALTER C. RAUSCHER

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to recognize a generous \$10,000 contribution made in honor of Walter C. Rauscher, a longtime member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter and a devoted supporter of the Airborne community. The donation was made by a close friend of nearly 50 years, who wished to remain anonymous, in recognition of Walter's lifelong service and leadership.

This meaningful gift was presented in conjunction with Walter's 80th birthday (December, 2025), celebrating decades of dedication to the Division, the Association, and his fellow Paratroopers. Walter's unwavering commitment continues to exemplify the spirit and values of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Walter joined the U.S. Army in 1963, volunteered for Airborne service, and was assigned to the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. In 1965, he deployed with the 505 PIR during Operation Power Pack in the Dominican Republic, earning his Combat Infantryman's Badge during the Division's first major combat action since World War II.

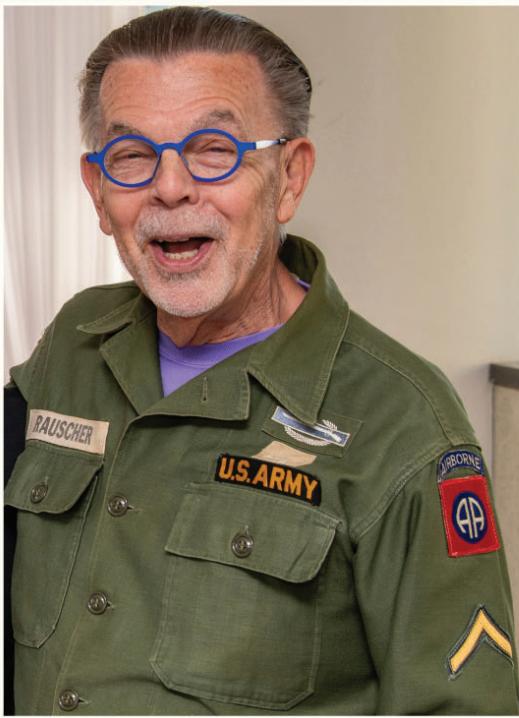
Following his military service, Walter built a distinguished civilian career in the restaurant and catering industry, ultimately serving as Vice President of Corporate Sales and Catering for Ark Restaurants Group. In 2013, he reconnected dozens of 505 PIR veterans from Operation Power Pack, organizing gatherings, fostering camaraderie, and ensuring that no trooper was ever forgotten.

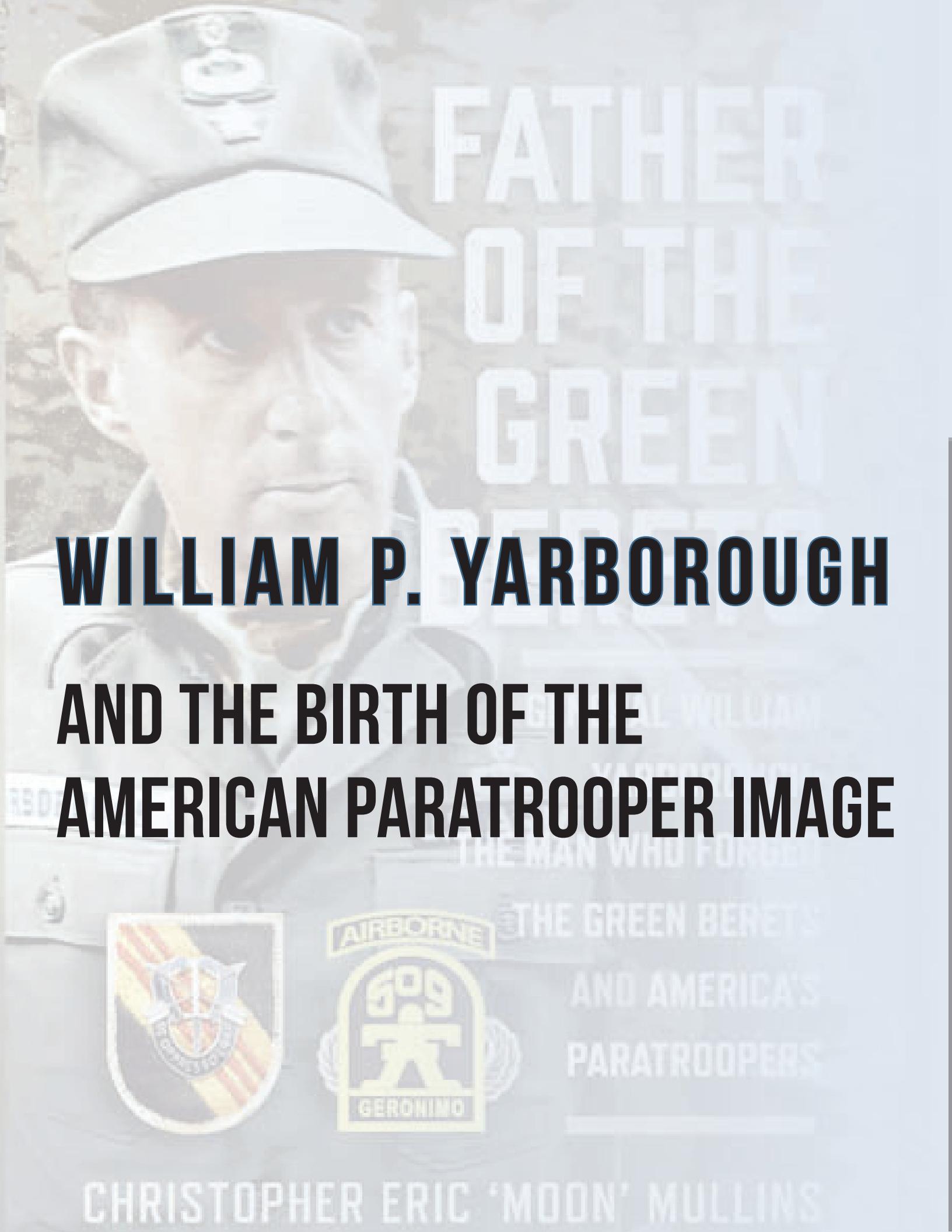
Walter has also been instrumental in supporting the Association, hosting numerous luncheons and dinners during Veterans Day Activities at Sequoia in Washington, D.C.—events that have become cherished traditions for Members. His generosity has extended to hosting major reunions, supporting Golden Brigade events, honoring World War II veterans, and making annual contributions to strengthen programs that benefit Troopers and their families.

In recognition of his lifetime of service and commitment, Walter was named the Association's All-American of the Year in 2022—an honor that reflects both his character and his enduring loyalty to the Airborne.

The Association extends its sincere gratitude to the anonymous donor for this thoughtful tribute and proudly honors Walter C. Rauscher for a lifetime of service to the Division, the Association, and the Airborne family.

Airborne—All the Way.





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WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH

**AND THE BIRTH OF THE
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THE GREEN BERETS
AND AMERICA'S
PARATROOPERS

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WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH AND THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN PARATROOPER IMAGE

In the nascent days of America's airborne forces (1940–1942), Lieutenant William P. Yarborough, a young officer with remarkable foresight, recognized a fundamental truth: forging an elite military force requires more than tactics and training; it demands a **unique identity**. This identity required a visual language that fostered honor, communicated status, and built an unbreakable *esprit de corps*.

Reporting back to Fort Benning in 1940, Yarborough joined the 501st Parachute Battalion. He noted that as the American Paratroops were in their infancy, "our search for training guidance focused upon foreign paratroop developments, particularly those of Germany and the Soviet Union." While his official duties were practical, his true genius lay in recognizing that

a unit's spirit is intrinsically tied to its image. During a creative burst from 1940–1942, he envisioned a complete, head-to-toe airborne identity that defined the American warrior—a legacy that would last for decades.

A New Breed, A New Look

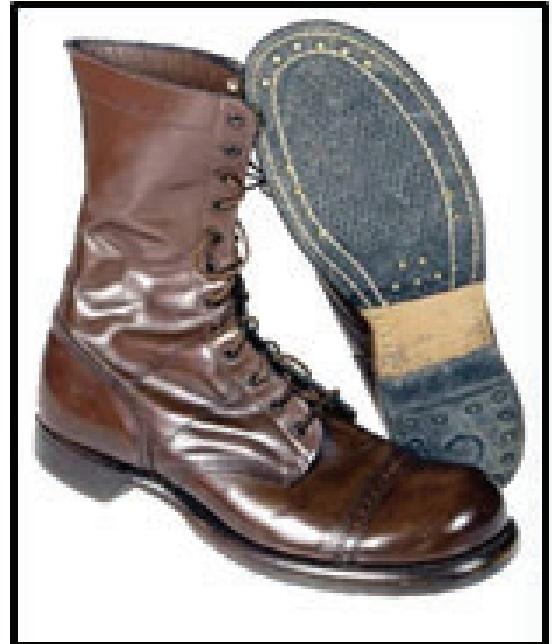
Historically, the U.S. Army had often shied away from the distinctive uniforms and traditions that fostered small-unit pride, preferring to focus on divisional uniformity. Yarborough was among the professional officers and NCOs who understood the immense value of unit distinction. Just as the members of Special Forces would later champion the Green Beret, the first paratroopers were anxious to have something tangible to set them apart. Yarborough's creative vision provided exactly that, starting literally from the ground up.



WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH AND THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN PARATROOPER IMAGE

1. The Boots that Defined the Trooper

Yarborough's first major contribution was the development of specialized **jump boots**. He championed a high-cut, all-leather design with reinforced ankle support. This was a critical innovation that improved safety by reducing sprains and fractures during perilous parachute landings. Crucially, the design eliminated the need for cumbersome leggings, which were notorious for snagging on aircraft doors or equipment during a jump. These boots, famously produced by the Corcoran company, quickly became more than just functional footwear; they became a potent badge of honour. Paratroopers took immense pride in keeping their Corcoran jump boots immaculately '**spit-shined**,' a tradition that signaled their elite status and professionalism. After earning their wings, troopers would 'blouse' their trousers into the top of the boots, creating a distinctively rugged silhouette. This look gave rise to two enduring terms: the fearsome nickname '**Devils in Baggy Pants**' and the slightly derisive paratrooper term '**leg**,' used for non-airborne personnel whose conventional low-quarter shoes could never replicate the swagger of a meticulously bloused jump boot.

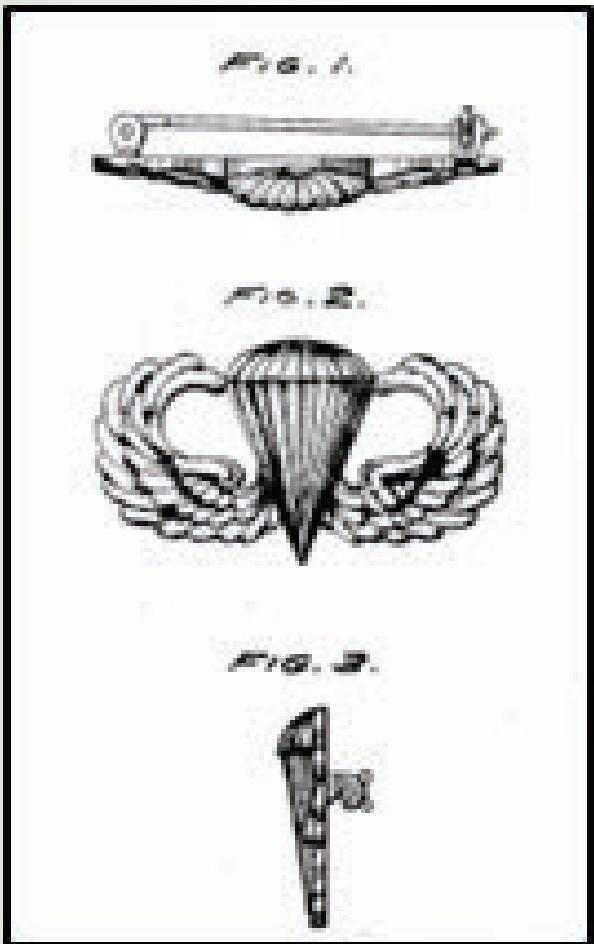


2. The Practical M1942 Parachute Jumpsuit

Yarborough's vision continued with the **M1942 Parachute Jumpsuit**. Working with local tailors, he designed a uniform specifically for the paratrooper's unique mission. Its most innovative feature was the large, **expandable bellows-style cargo pockets** on the trousers and jacket.

This design directly addressed a critical lesson from the earliest airborne operations: paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines had to be self-sufficient. These pockets dramatically increased their carrying capacity for essential supplies like ammunition, rations, and medical kits, ensuring they could fight effectively immediately upon landing, often far from regular supply lines. While the M1942 was eventually replaced due to durability concerns in heavy combat, it stood as a powerful symbol of paratrooper ingenuity and Yarborough's commitment to mission-focused design.

WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH AND THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN PARATROOPER IMAGE



arched wings surrounding a parachute. He was relentlessly efficient in securing its approval:

“I walked the approved design in and out of every office which had a piece of the action in the War Department. I would wait doggedly until each action type got to it in his ‘In’ basket, then take it to the next one.” When the contract was finally signed, he “**camped on their doorstep**” until he was able to walk away with 350 Sterling Wings, which he carried triumphantly back to Colonel Miley at Benning.

Feeling the wings needed a splash of colour, Yarborough also designed the first felt oval backgrounds to be worn behind them. To protect the design’s prestige and prevent

The Crown Jewel. The US Army Parachutist Badge

Perhaps the most enduring symbol of Yarborough’s legacy is the **US Army Parachutist Badge**. The creation of the ‘jump wings’ was a personal mission assigned to him in early 1941 by his commander in the 501st Parachute Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel William M. Miley. After rejecting several unimaginative designs from the Army’s Heraldry Branch, Yarborough was ordered by Miley not to return from Washington, D.C., until he had an approved qualification badge in hand.

In a letter published by the Special Forces Association, Yarborough later recounted the strict constraints placed upon him: “The one most firm requirement placed by the Army... was that it **IN NO WAY resemble the pilots wings of the US Army Air Forces.**”

After at least fifty tries, Yarborough came up with the design we now know: two



WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH AND THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN PARATROOPER IMAGE

unauthorized reproduction, he took the remarkable step of securing a **patent (Design Patent #134,963)**, an act of safeguarding the exclusivity of this hard-won symbol.

As the airborne ranks swelled, the need to distinguish between novice jumpers and seasoned veterans became apparent. This system was later enhanced with the introduction of the Senior and Master Parachutist Badges in 1949, and the establishment of the combat star system, denoting operational jumps with small bronze stars and a large gold star signifying five or more—a tangible and highly respected record of a paratrooper's courage under fire.

The Enduring Rite of Passage. The Prop Blast

Beyond the tangible symbols of uniforms and insignia, William P. Yarborough also understood that an elite force is forged in shared experience and ritual. As the U.S. airborne concept was taking its first tentative steps, he played an instrumental role in creating one of its most storied and enduring traditions: the **Prop Blast ceremony**. This rite of passage, born from camaraderie in the nascent days of airborne operations, became a cornerstone of its unique officer culture.

The genesis of the ceremony can be traced to a personal celebration in 1940. After Captain Yarborough earned his own parachute qualification, he and First Lieutenant William T. Ryder felt that **“some formal ceremony should be developed to welcome newly jump qualified officers into the ranks of the airborne fraternity.”**

They envisioned a ritual that was more than a simple toast; it needed to be viscerally connected to the paratrooper experience. The concept they devised centered on a potent concoction aptly named the 'Prop Blast'—a mixture intended to symbolically replicate the forceful rush of air experienced when exiting a C-47 aircraft in flight.

The original mixture consisted of vodka, lemon juice, and sugar, along with an effervescent element designed to mimic the disorienting 'prop wash' itself.

To elevate the ceremony, Yarborough and Ryder decided 'the mixture should be drunk from a suitable vessel.' This led them to develop the **'Miley Mug'** in honour of their battalion commander. Demonstrating his hands-on leadership, Yarborough personally directed Second



Courtesy of the National Infantry Museum Collection, U.S. Army

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Lieutenant Carl Buechner to fashion the mug from a **75mm shell casing**, transforming an implement of war into an object of brotherhood. The design was rich with airborne identity: T-3 parachute rip cord handles were fastened to the casing, and the iconic battle cry 'GERONIMO' was meticulously engraved on its side.

The procedure they established would become the foundation for all future Prop Blasts: each new officer would stand on a chair to simulate the aircraft door, perform a mock jump, consume the mixture from the Miley Mug, and then state his '**first thought**' upon exiting a plane. The list of the first thirteen participants reads like a 'who's who' of early airborne leadership, solidifying Yarborough's place at the heart of this new tradition.

The genius Yarborough demonstrated in establishing the paratrooper's identity was not a singular event; it was a blueprint for his later, most famous contribution to military distinction: building the modern U.S. Army Special Forces.

While commanding the U.S. Army Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg in the early 1960s, Yarborough faced resistance to the very concept of an elite, unconventional warfare force. He understood that recognition—starting with the uniform—was the first step toward institutional acceptance and essential resources.

His early vision of a distinguished warrior image was later fully realized for Special Forces through a strategic, three-part process:

- 1. Securing the Image:** Understanding the psychological and political power of distinction, Yarborough championed the **Green Beret**. The 1961 visit of President John F. Kennedy to Fort Bragg, which included dynamic Special Forces demonstrations, was instrumental. Recognizing the Beret's powerful symbolic value, President Kennedy personally authorized the headgear, elevating it to an authorized symbol of an elite force.
- 2. Securing the Institution:** With the Beret's success providing critical visibility and recognition, Yarborough was then able to leverage this momentum to secure the necessary foundation for the entire branch. He dramatically increased **funding, education, training, and operational resources**.
- 3. Realizing the Vision:** This strategic approach, which began with the visible identity (the Beret), resulted in the establishment of the comprehensive infrastructure and quality of personnel required to transform Special Forces from a niche unit into the highly capable, globally deployed force we recognize today.

WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH AND THE BIRTH OF THE AMERICAN PARATROOPER IMAGE

This continuity in vision demonstrates that Yarborough's drive for a distinctive look and binding traditions—first seen in the jump boots and wings—was not merely about aesthetics, but was a powerful, successful strategy for commanding political and budgetary support, ultimately leading to the organizational and material realization of the modern Special Forces.

Conclusion

William P. Yarborough's early contributions went far beyond mere aesthetics; they were about crafting a powerful visual language that communicated the unique identity, elite skills, and shared experiences of the American paratrooper. He masterfully combined form and function, understanding that a distinctive uniform and its symbols were a powerful tool for building morale, fostering esprit de corps, and creating an unwavering sense of belonging within elite military organizations. From the boots and wings that defined the paratrooper to securing the iconic **Green Beret** for Special Forces, Yarborough's legacy lives on with every elite soldier who takes to the skies or operates in the shadows, a testament to the man who defined the look and spirit of America's most distinguished warriors.

NOTE: This article is adapted from a chapter in the forthcoming book, ***Yarborough, The Father of the Green Berets***, due to be published in the first quarter of 2026

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Lieutenant General William Pelham Yarborough stands as a titan of the United States' military innovation in the twentieth century. His name is synonymous with the development of America's airborne and Special Forces capabilities. Yet, despite his monumental influence through a career spanning four decades of pivotal global conflict and Cold War maneuvering, Yarborough remains for many a historical enigma: a figure whose name graces numerous legends and commands admiration with an intriguing blend of legend, myth, and speculation. Yarborough pioneered the modern American paratrooper, being instrumental in designing the iconic US Army parachute badge, jump boots, and specialized airborne equipment (for which he held patents), effectively sculpting the image of America's Second World War airborne soldier. He commanded the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion in key operations from North Africa (Operation Torch – America's first combat parachute mission) through Italy (Anzio) and into Southern France (Operation Dragoon). Yarborough later led the 47th Infantry Regiment in the final victories of the Korean War.

As Commandant of the Special Warfare Center from 1961 to 1965, Yarborough tirelessly developed core Special Forces doctrine, established rigorous and innovative training programs (including the vital Language School), and spearheaded the expansion of the force. In this respect, Yarborough played the decisive role in securing President John F. Kennedy's official authorization for the Green Beret as the distinctive headgear of Special Forces, cementing their unique identity.

He also critical high-level roles, including as the U.S. Military Assistance Commission's representative in Korea, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence during a turbulent period, Commander of I Corps in Korea, and Deputy CINCPAC (Commander-in-Chief of US Forces in the Pacific).

William Yarborough was also an influential military writer, being the author of books and numerous articles on unconventional warfare, airborne operations, and military history throughout his career and active retirement.

Drawn extensively on Lieutenant General Yarborough's personal and professional papers, in this meticulously researched account Christopher Mullins has produced the first biography of a remarkable man whose full, complex story has remained largely unchronicled – until now.

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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-1 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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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

Airborne! from Central Ohio. A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Several Chapter members were in Dayton in October attending All Ohio Airborne Days. It was a great event and the Ridgway Chapter did an excellent job. Our Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter will be hosting it in October of 2026, so we hope many of you can attend.

In November we held our meeting at Motts Military Museum in Groveport, Ohio. This is a great historical venue and we had a good turnout. Members and their families enjoyed the food, camaraderie and the museum.

Until next time, soft landings.



Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter attendees and others at All Ohio Airborne Days in Dayton. Front row: Unknown, Kimo Madrid (Toledo) Cynthia Holcomb and Becky Simons. Back row: Tino Madrid (Toledo) Steve Holcomb, Tom Simons, Jr, and Gary Rezabek (John Towle Cleveland/Akron).

CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Ed Powell, Steve and Cynthia Holcomb, Bill Waldron and Charles McBride attended the November Chapter meeting at Motts Military Museum.

CLEVELAND/ AKRON CHAPTER

The Cleveland/Akron Chapter has seen a positive growth in membership and attendance during the last part of this year. The Chapter had a great November meeting and planned a wonderful Christmas party.

The Christmas party was held at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. We thank them for the use of the hall. All the families brought deserts and/or side dishes. Thank you so much. I want to thank Dee Dee Kuharik, (my wife), for organizing, cooking, and setting up for this joyful event. Thanks also to Tyson and Dyson our neighbor kids for helping.

After the dinner many chapter members marched in the Light Up Lakewood Christmas Parade in Lakewood Ohio. They Stood tall and were looking good. Airborne.

Congratulations goes to Gary Rezabek on receiving the National Infantry Association Order of St Michael Airborne, Angelic Level. Gary was also named the Pvt John Towle MOH Trooper of the Year Award 2025.

We look forward to an exciting 2026 year for our chapter.



The Private John Towle MOH,

Cleveland/Akron Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Cordially invites you to the Chapters annual Christmas party 2025.

Date: 6 December2025

Time: 1 PM / 1300 hrs.

Location: American Legion Post 610,

19944 Sheldon Road, Brook Park, Ohio.

Children and family are welcomed. Please let us know the numbers.

Children 12 and under will receive a gift. Let us know the age and gender.

Cost is free. Donations are accepted,

Please RSVP by 29 November.

Gary Rezabek: 216-310-4872, garyrezabek@yahoo.com

Dee Dee Kuharik: 330-603-1735, ddfromoh@aol.com

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

CLEVELAND/ AKRON CHAPTER



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GEN DENNIS L VIA ALL AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER



The Commander's Voice Returns. The 82nd Signal Battalion will reactivate at Fort Bragg in 2026!

FORT BRAGG, N.C.—For the first time since its inactivation in 2006, the storied 82nd Signal Battalion is set to return to the order of battle. As the U.S. Army shifts its focus from the brigade-centric counter-insurgency models of the past two decades to large-scale combat operations (LSCO), the 82nd Airborne Division is preparing to reactivate the battalion to centralize and modernize its communications infrastructure. This move marks a significant “return to the Division” as the primary Unit of Action, bringing back a lineage that stretches from the trenches of WWI to the drop zones of Normandy.

Restoring the Lineage

For veterans of the “All American” signal community, this reactivation is more than just a restructuring—it is the restoration of a legacy. The 82nd Signal Battalion traces its roots to the 307th Field Signal Battalion, which was constituted in 1916. It evolved into the 82nd Airborne Signal Company during WWII, where its paratroopers earned their place in history on combat jumps into Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, and Holland. The unit’s Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUI) tells this story in orange and white: a wavy line representing the Rhine River, a fleur-de-lis for service in France, and a winged chevron symbolizing the airborne mission. The battalion served faithfully through the Cold War, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, and the Global War on Terror before being inactivated in 2006 as the Army shifted toward modular Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs). Now, after nearly two decades, the colors will be uncased again, and the motto “The Commander’s Voice” will once again have a dedicated battalion headquarters and line companies.

The Strategic Shift. Why Now?

For the past twenty years, BCTs operated semi-independently with their organic signal companies. While effective for counter-insurgency, this model burdened brigade commanders with managing complex network architectures while simultaneously fighting the battle.

“As far back as 2019, new tools began reshaping the look and feel of signal battalions,” an Army spokesperson noted. The new doctrine strips that complexity away from the BCTs, pulling signal assets back up to the Division Signal Battalion (DSB). The move allows the 82nd Signal Battalion to manage the “Unified Network,” pushing support down where it is needed most while BCT commanders focus on lethality.

According to data from a recent G6 briefing to the 82nd Airborne Division leadership (AA6), the goal is agile communications: envisioning a brigade conducting an airborne operation, establishing a command post, displacing, and re-establishing comms with a distant headquarters—all within minutes.

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Timeline for Activation

The reactivation of the 82nd Signal Battalion is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2026 or 2027, pending operational tempos.

- Proposed Activation: 15 June, Tuesday 2026
- Effective Date (E-date): June 2027

To pave the way for this return, the current Brigade Level Signal Companies are set to inactivate between February and April of 2026 for the 1st and 2nd BCTs. Inactivation for DIVARTY, the Division Sustainment Brigade (DSB), and 3rd BCT signal assets will follow through April 2026, with the Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) following in April 2027.

When the battalion stands up in 2026, the command team—Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major—will be LTC Jones and CSM Hamer, the current G-6 Command Team.

New Structure. The Signal Support Architecture

The reactivated battalion will mirror the Modified Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) currently seen at the 101st Airborne Division and the 25th Infantry Division. It will consist of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) and three line companies—A, B, and C—carrying forward the traditional company designations. Support roles will be clearly delineated to ensure coverage across the division.

- A Company will support 1st BCT, Division Headquarters, and the Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB).
- B Company will support 2nd BCT and the Division Sustainment Brigade (DSB).
- C Company will support 3rd BCT and Division Artillery (DIVARTY).

Mission Command Support Teams will be distributed heavily across the formation, with seven teams at the Division level, five at each Brigade, four at the DSB and DIVARTY, and two at the CAB.

Despite losing their organic signal companies, Brigades will not be left silent. They are slated to receive a dedicated BDE S6 section, two Network Nodes (C2 Fix), and two Retransmission (Retrans) teams. Rifle battalions will be outfitted with an S6 section, three network nodes, and three retransmission teams.

Footprint on Fort Bragg

The new battalion will take up residence in historic areas of Fort Bragg, ensuring they are embedded with the units they support.

- Barracks: The battalion is set to occupy the current 2/325 Infantry buildings (C5631).
- Headquarters: The Battalion HQ, Company HQs, classrooms, and conference rooms will take over the space currently held by 2-319 AFAR (building C7639).
- Motor Pool: The unit will share motor pool facilities with the 407th BSB and HHC.

Modernizing the Paratrooper Communicator

The transformation isn't just organizational; it is professional. Under the current restructuring, individual core functions—network communications, signal operations support, information technology, and satellite communications—will merge.

By October 2025, these distinct roles are expected to consolidate into a single job specialty held by a master sergeant. This initiative aims to create “super-communicators” capable of managing the entire breadth of the modern tactical network—a concept the veterans of the 82nd Signal Battalion, who often had to do more with less, will surely appreciate.

As the Army prepares for the next fight, the 82nd Signal Battalion is ready to answer the call once again, ensuring that the “All American” Division can communicate, command, and conquer on any drop zone in the world.

Bridging the gap between past and present, the 82nd Airborne Division Association's Signal Chapter will be present at the activation ceremony. These veterans stand ready to provide advice, mentorship, and support to the new command team and Troopers before, during, and after the reactivation, ensuring the spirit of the “Commander's Voice” remains a solid comms link.



Signal All the Way! AIRBORNE!

GEN M.B. RIDGWAY CHAPTER



The Ridgway Chapter had a busy Year in 2025, as with every Year We have highs and lows. Our Lowest Low was 12 February 2025 when We lost one of our most Cherished Members Dan Lee. Dan was 11th ABN and was a veteran of Korea and multiple tours in Vietnam, He Inspired all of us that knew Him. As with others We have lost in recent Years He is and will continue to be missed.

Towards the end of 2025 We had 1 More Significantly Low Point ,When in November We lost what We believe to be our Last WWII Paratrooper. Jim Lavoy Served with the 11th ABN and was part of the Occupation of Japan. RIP Jim Lavoy.

Gladly We also had some good times in 2025 as well. We had our annual Legend Affair Dinner in April, Picnic in July, Great Lake Fishing trips, Monthly outdoor range days AND the Dayton Air Show. Our biggest Challenge coming from Hosting the Annual All Ohio Airborne Days. Members from all 4 Ohio Chapters joined us, As Well as Friends from Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois. Association HQ was well Represented with Our National President Larry Slavicek and Chan Brae from The Assn Office in Fayetteville N.C. Thank You All For Coming.

We finished 2025 with our annual Christmas Celebration with Catered Dinner and White Elephant gift exchange. Unfortunately, The Weather in Ohio was not the best and some were unable to join us But those that were there had fun.

HAPPY AIRBORNE NEW YEAR.

GEN M.B. RIDGWAY CHAPTER



Ken and Jim Lavoy



GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER



Once again, we bid farewell to what's been a banner year for the Daytona All Airborne Chapter. That's because year 2026 is "Standing in the Door." No doubt 2026 will also be an even better year for our Chapter Paratroopers and their spouses.

Among the Chapter's goals this past year has been recruitment of new members, and that'll also be a priority for year 2026. Our Chapter Chairman, Randy Johnson has plans for our members to visit other Veteran organizations like VFW's, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and offer Chapter memberships to Airborne qualified members of these organizations. We will continue our recruitment effort as our members and spouses serve coffee and snacks each month at the Daytona Beach VA Out Patient Clinic.

Our continued contribution to the Veteran community of Daytona Beach is the annual Veteran's Park clean up event where our members perform landscaping details to improve the condition of this park. Local Veterans utilize and enjoy this park for picnics, reunions, and fishing from the park's dock.

Recently at our December meeting, our members brought toys for the annual Toys for Tots (T4T) program. As usual, Chapter members were very generous with their donations to this worthy program which is sponsored by the US Marine Corps Reserves. Following the meeting, the toys were delivered to the collection point in DeLand, Florida. Chapter members are proud of their contribution to local children. Pictured here are our Chapter members with their T4T gifts.

Another annual event for our Chapter is the annual Christmas party at the Emory L. Bennett Daytona Beach VA Nursing Home. Other local Veterans organizations like the Ormond Veteran's Support Group also participate in this event. The Veterans and staff at the Nursing Home look forward to the Chapter's presence, and our members engage the residents with Airborne stories, and listen to their military service events of their time in uniform. Pictured here are photos of Chairman Johnson chatting with Veterans, and Director Tom Goodwin and his wife Marilyn entertaining some Nursing Home Veterans.

We wish all Association Chapters, and the staff or the Association a wonderful New Year, and success with their projects and programs in year 2026. Airborne

GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER



LEWIS MILLETT MEMORIAL MOH CHAPTER

Greeting From Soggy Southern California. Yes 4 days of rain in a row is too much for us! Our Chapter has continued to stay busy with Parades, Color Guards, Honor Guards and our Annual Airborne Christmas party. We also swore in our New Officers for 2026.

We also have sad news to pass along. Many Troopers know Jerry Schafer from the Golden Bridge. He was local to our Chapter so we adopted him.

Jerry was a student at the University of San Francisco when he was drafted into the US Army in 1968. His basic training took place at Fort Ord CA and Infantry Training was at Fort Benning GA. In February 1969, he was deployed to Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. While in Vietnam, he earned a Bronze Star with a V for Valor. He was a proud member of the Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association and was active friend of the Lewis Millett Memorial Medal Of Honor Chapter in Cypress, CA.

Jerry returned home on Halloween in 1969. He lived in San Francisco and worked as a tugboat dispatcher for Crowley Marine Services for eight years. He then transplanted to Huntington Beach CA working at Crowley in Long Beach and Los Angeles harbors, primarily working a twelve-hour night shift. That is where he met his wife, Susan in 1981. They married in 1982 and had two children. Jerry retired from Crowley in 2010.

He truly enjoyed his retirement spending days in peace and quiet. He loved having nights off which allowed him to become a friend to the Lewis Millett chapter. While he was able, Jerry was active with the Color Guard and felt privileged to be allowed to honor fallen members of the armed services. He loved spending time with fellow veterans and their families.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Susan, his two children and sister. Jerry was a well-loved and respected man and will be deeply missed.



Jerry Schafer July 9, 1944 – December 3, 2025



Mike Gorsuch Marching in the 2025 Hollywood Christmas Parade

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

In November our Chapter celebrated Dale Noble's 100th birthday at Mission BBQ. We presented him with an "Airborne Centenarian Award". He was with the 501st PIR in Bastogne Dec 1944, 101st Airborne Div. Notice his shirt with the word "NUTS". A great Airborne response to the enemy commander back then.

Also in November, five of our chapter members jumped into Lake Eustis, FL with the Phantom Airborne Brigade. It has motivated our members to put the parachute back on and remember the rush and exhilaration of exiting a great WWII C-47 aircraft "Tico Belle." Many of our chapter members were celebrating after the jump. Gary Blascienski (Vice Chairman) making an exit from C-47. Chris Adams (former Black Hat) is standing in the door for the 1st time in over 50 years. There were about 180 paratroopers that jumped into Lake Eustis.



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Heath Davenport (Below) our Treasurer is also exiting out of the "Tico Belle."

Our Christmas celebration was held at the VFW in Belleview. The JROTC Color Guard from Westport High School, Ocala was on hand to present the colors. The Vice Chairman is awarding the cadets with a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts. Lots of food fun and merry making for everyone on hand. Airborne! He was also sworn in the new Chairman for the Chapter for 2026. Rich Becker did the honors of installing him into office. Also outgoing Chairman Tony Alger is thanking Joyce Damon, Service Officer and Linda Hall assistant Service Officer for their contributions and efforts to the Chapter over his tenure there. Airborne All the Way!



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NORTHERN MICHIGAN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Honoring Service and Community: Northern Michigan All Airborne Chapter Veterans Tributes

The Northern Michigan All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association held a series of Veterans recognition events in November, honoring service, sacrifice, and community support across multiple venues. Led by Retired COL David Eggle, Chapter Chairman, these events highlighted the Chapter's dedication to recognizing veterans and preserving the proud legacy of the Airborne.

Over several days, the Chapter participated in three venues, delivered five presentations, and formally recognized approximately 70 veterans, with total attendance—including family members, staff, and supporters—estimated between 150 and 170 individuals. Each event brought together veterans, families, volunteers, and community partners in meaningful ceremonies focused on appreciation and remembrance.

A key element of the events was the presentation of certificates of recognition to veterans and supporters who helped make the programs possible. Honorees included community advocates such as Lisa Trombley, recognized for her long-standing support of veterans and service organizations. State official representative John Roth also participated via video message, offering remarks and expressing support on behalf of his office, underscoring the importance of these tributes at the state level. Dedicated Chapter members like Dean Amos, whose leadership and coordination were instrumental in ensuring the success of the ceremonies, were also recognized. These individuals, along with numerous volunteers, exemplify the spirit of service that drives the Chapter's mission.

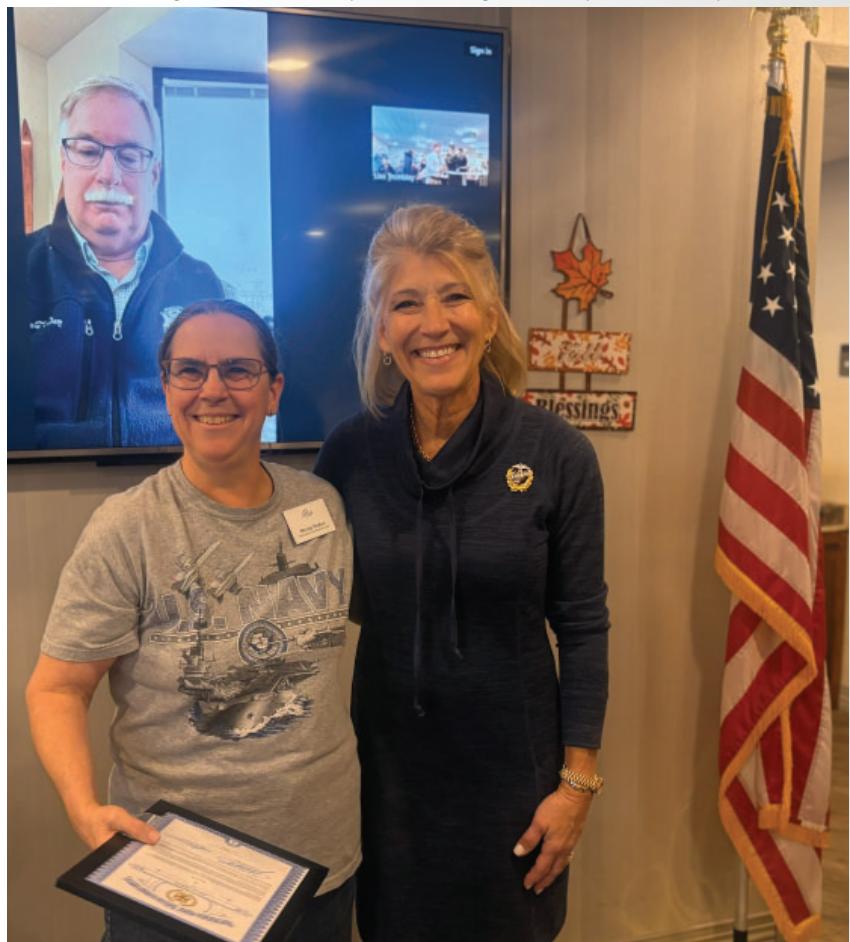
One particularly significant tribute was a private recognition for Holocaust survivor Klara Stärk, born February 16, 1930, in Foeni Satu Mare, Romania. Under the leadership of COL Eggle, the ceremony was conducted with great care and respect, honoring both her personal story and the broader historical significance of Holocaust remembrance.

The Chapter also had the honor of recognizing three 100-year-old Paratroopers, a living testament to the history and legacy of the Airborne community and a powerful reminder of the enduring courage and dedication of those who served.

Speakers and participants included military leaders, elected officials' representatives, and volunteers whose professionalism ensured the success of each ceremony. Despite varying locations and formats, the events shared a common purpose: to honor service, support veterans, and uphold the traditions of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Northern Michigan All Airborne Chapter continues to demonstrate that commitment, leadership, and community support remain strong, ensuring veterans are celebrated, remembered, and never forgotten.

Airborne—All the Way.



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NORTH TEXAS "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER

The chapter executed their 3rd annual Pistol Pete's BBQ Competition in conjunction with American Legion 379 annual car show. This year we had The Ron Rhodes Band perform live! Much thanks to our volunteers and pitmasters, Limp Brisket BBQ, KMEA BBQ, Barnyard Pimps BBQ, and Lil' Tones BBQ who volunteered their time and energy in supporting our organization. A very big thanks to our sponsors, SERVE at Cotality, Premier Health, and Jalapeño Fence Company. We also executed our annual holiday party and installed our 2026 officers. The gavel gets passed on from Pete Dominguez to Rudy Chavez. Rudy is highly respected within the Airborne community and well deserving of taking the reins in 2026! To wrap up the year a few chapter members attended Wreaths Across America. We salute and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice!



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Wreaths Across America

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Sorry to start off on a low note, but I attended the wake of our oldest member, Frank Bogyos. While we are sorry that he is gone, 98 years is a nice full life and Frank made the most of his. He served in Japan with the 11th Airborne right after WW2. He used his GI Bill to go to optometry school and set up a thriving practice in Racine. He was a self-taught artist and our chapter benefited from his skill. He would always work up an airborne painting and donate them to the chapter to raffle off at the car shows. The family had a nice selection of his paintings with the center piece being one of the drop zones at Bragg. Frank was fully dressed in his Jump HBT's with overseas hat on displaying the airborne patch and the DUI of the 11th Airborne. His brown jump boots were on display as well.

While our annual car show is normally the last fund raiser of the year for the chapter, we were contacted by the sister of Army veteran Keith Kuchinski who passed from cancer earlier in the year. She and her husband wanted to do a fund raiser in his honor outside a local bar and donated the money to our chapter's severely wounded warrior fund. Chapter member Steve Brunell drove up to attend and represent the chapter. While the event had a lot of competition, opening day of deer season and just one of the best fall weather days, plenty of people came by to buy pickled asparagus, green beans, and participate in the 50/50 and other raffles.

As we approached Veterans Day, we found that Chapter Chaplain Gary Beltoya was going to be featured on Milwaukee stations coverage of Veterans Day events. What started as a dimple conversation in a local hair salon, wound up reuniting Gary with his old pen pal from the Vietnam War. Anita Anderson was just 7 years old when she wrote her first letter to Gary, serving in Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne, as part of a school project. The two became pen pals, exchanging letters throughout his deployment.

For Gary, those letters meant more than words on paper. "Combat guys really, really, from the heart needed letters". "Sometimes we'd go out 30 or 40 days and when mail call came; you prayed you got a letter. Some guys didn't get one, and your heart would break. Those letters, they meant everything to the troopers". When Beltoya returned home, he visited Anita's family for dinner in Kenosha and even brought her a special gift: his Army Commendation Medal. Anita had held on to that medal and still has it today. The two plan on staying in touch from now on!

Moving on, Jimmy Gerber, Linda Walters and myself attended the Carroll Beach Home Owner's Association's Christmas Party. Admittance is a wrapped package for a child male or female. The Chapter has partnered with the Association for the past twenty years. It started when the National Guard Artillery unit stationed in Kenosha was deployed for the war in Iraq. While they were away we would deliver the toys to the armory in time for the unit Christmas Party. When the unit returned, we continued the practice until we were made aware of the need of lower enlisted sailors who were using the food bank at a local veteran's charity to help them stretch their pay as the North Chicago landlords were gouging the sailors on rent. So we re-directed the toys to help them have something for their children. The Chapter also kicked in with a thousand dollars of Jewel Food gift cards. The three of us then drove down to deliver everything. Thankfully Jimmy Gerber's truck held it all and we had sailors who volunteer at the



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

charity to help us unload.

The Chapter had another great Christmas Party at Casa Capri with everybody trying to outdo Steve Brunell! That will NEVER happen! We had some great door prizes donated by members. Carolyn and Wally came as guests and shared some potential plans for this year's pig roast.

Chapter member Dan Boring located another severely wounded warrior and we were able to get one of our checks off to her before Christmas. Corporal Sue Crutchfield lost both of her legs while serving as an MP during the war in Iraq. She deployed from Germany with her MP Company to perform convoy escort duty. She was wounded twice before on convoy escorts before her hummer ran over an IED. She is the recipient of three Purple Hearts and she has accepted our invitation to be our guest of honor at our annual car show this Labor Day Weekend.

The Chicago Chapter reached out to see how we are doing. It seems that they are in the same shape as us with hundreds on the chapter rolls, but only a few of those actually coming out and participating. I told him that we have an awful lot of community support which makes us so successful. We hope to join them for their annual picnic this summer! It could a great opportunity share some new ideas!

If your Chapter knows of any severely wounded out there in your area, please reach out to us so we can help them. All the Best for the New Year!



Veterans Closet



Sue Crutchfield



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Gary and Penpal



Gary Today

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS OPEN TO CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

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For more information please contact the National Headquarters at (910) 223-1182, or via email at

execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. An invoice will be issued once the ad is approved. ATW!

Join Our Leadership Team!

We're seeking dedicated leaders help guide our mission in 2027.

Open Positions:

- 6 Board of Director seats for 2027
- 1 National Treasurer

Please review Article V (Elections) of the Association By-Laws for more information or email: execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org



The 82nd Airborne Division Association warmly welcomes our two new members of the Board of Directors for 2026.

Lee Walker

(Benavidez-Patterson
All Airborne Chapter)



Dave Mauro

(NJ - CPL Steven
Koch Chapter)



Remembering & Honoring LTC Bob Chisolm

June 23, 1925 – January 04, 2022

All American Hall of Fame – Class of 2019

Legion of Merit Award – Holland, 20 September 1944 Triple CIB Recipient



Preserving the Legacy

82nd Airborne Division
508th Parachute Infantry Regiment



Fundraising for MISSION82

UK 82nd Airborne Memorial Project

- 3 New Memorials to Paratroopers Killed in Training & Combat Jump Preparations
- Unveilings in 2026 on 82nd Anniversary of the 1944 Incidents
- Follow-On to Previous Memorials in England's East Midlands

(See Details on Back Side)

**Thank & Support our UK Friends!
Help Preserve the Legacy!**

- \$5000.00 Total Support Need
- **Dollar-for-Dollar Match** from Generous Lead Donors
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PayPal & Credit Card Donations at
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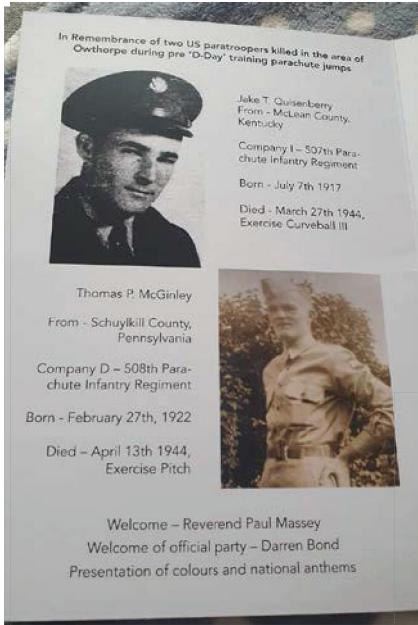
Zelle® Donations to Christopher Harris at
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MISSION82



A year in remembrance of the 82nd Airborne Division.



2026 82nd Airborne Memorial Projects

Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire Counties – East Midlands, England

MEMORIAL #1

- Hinckley town centre – Leicestershire County
- **376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion**, 504th Regimental Combat Team
- **Unveiling on 09 May 2026** – 82nd Anniversary of PFC John E Davey's death (Exercise TUCK Practice Parachute accident)
- Also commemorating the heart attack death of T/4 Alfred A Ranio (22 May 1944) and the jeep accident death of PVT Richard E Duncan (21 October 1944)

MEMORIAL #2

- Former RAF Spanhoe (home to 315th Troop Carrier Group) – Northamptonshire County
- **1st Battalion 505th PIR** – Grenade Explosion on 05 June 1944
- **Unveiling on either 05 or 06 June 2026**
- PVT Pete Vah; PVT Robert L Leakey; CPL Kenneth A Vaught; PVT Eddie O Meelberg Killed + 9 Others seriously wounded.
- All 4 Killed fought in Sicily (July 1943) and Italy (September 1943)

MEMORIAL #3

- Former RAF Fulbeck – Lincolnshire County
- **3rd Battalion 508th PIR, I Company** – Anti-Tank Mine Explosion & Fire on 02 September 1944
- **Unveiling on 29 August 2026**
- Killed: SSG Robert W Shearer; PFC William R Mitchell; PVT Louis N Spera
- Wounded: PVT Robert F Howcroft (I Co); Eugene G Walton (Service Company); SGT Roland P.E. Dahlberg (96th Troop Carrier Squadron)
- 4 C-47s Damaged, 2 never flew again.

MISSION 82 - UK MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Mission

A new UK Memorial Project will honor 82nd Airborne Paratroopers killed in Training and Combat Jump Preparations in England during the critical months of 1944 surrounding the Normandy and Holland jumps. 82 years later, three new memorials will help tell future generations of Britons the full story of the Division's World War II service and sacrifice.



82nd Anniversary Memorials

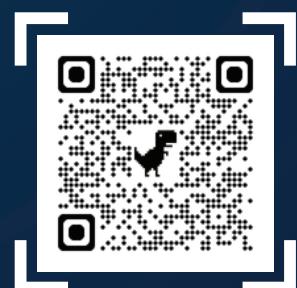
- 3 Permanent Granite/Bronze Memorials in the East Midlands of England
- Unveiling Ceremonies during 2026, marking the 82nd Anniversaries of the WWII Incidents
- Designed to Educate Locals & Preserve the 82nd Airborne Legacy

The Project & Final Fundraising

- Led by Darren Bond & Adam Berry, respected WWII historians & memorial advocates in England.
- Partnering with *Family and Friends of the 508th PIR Association*, champions of other 82nd Airborne GWOT & WWII memorial projects in Europe and at Fort Bragg.
- Lead Donors are Matching dollar-for-dollar all donations, large or small!
- Broad Participation from Stateside and Europe key to success!



DONATE HERE &
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CONTRIBUTION!



For More Detailed Info & to ZELLE ®:
Christopher (Chris) Harris,
F&F 508th PIR Association
(310) 729-2745
harris.chris.j@att.net

Please Participate & Help Preserve the Legacy!



GUN RAFFLE

Thank You, Sig Sauer!

The 82nd Airborne Division Association National Office proudly thanks Sig Sauer for their generous donation of two firearms for our Veterans Day raffle.

On Veterans Day at the Moore County Veteran Memorial in Carthage, NC, over 600 tickets were sold, and two lucky winners were drawn to receive a MCX-Spear and an M17X pistol. Your support helped us raise crucial funds to continue our mission of honoring and assisting veterans and their families.

Contributions like yours make a real difference in sustaining our programs and ensuring veterans receive the recognition and support they deserve.

We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to the Airborne community!

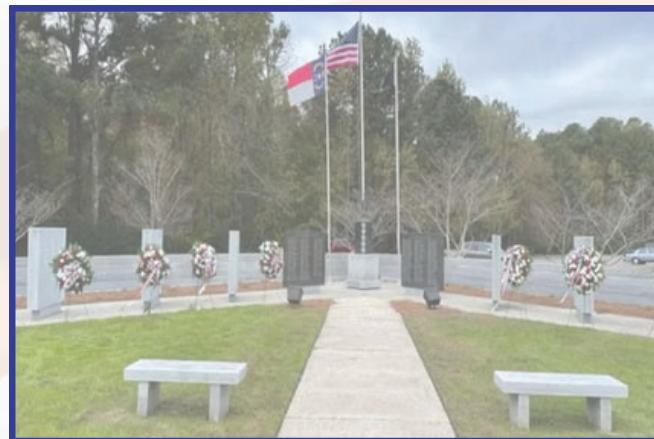
Airborne—All the Way



MCX-SPEAR



M17X PISTOL



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GivingTuesday 2025

The **82nd Airborne Division Association** extends our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our GivingTuesday 2025 campaign. Your generosity helped strengthen our ability to serve Paratroopers, Veterans, and their families, ensuring our mission continues well into the future.

We are honored by your support and thankful for everyone who makes our work possible, helping us make a real difference in the lives of those who serve.

Cumberland Community Foundation's
GIVINGTUESDAY



We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cumberland Community Foundation, Fayetteville New Car Dealers Association, Holmes Security Systems, Elizabeth "Beth" Keeney, Carol and Sammy Short, Daphne and Ray Manning, and four anonymous donors for making this match possible.

**We'd like to extend a special thank you to our Giving Tuesday 2025
82nd Airborne Division Association Donors, as seen below.**

Jason Burkee, Larry Stewart, Texas Lone Star Chapter, Robert Whitaker Jr., SSG Boyer and Family, General and Mrs. McNeill, Rocky and Donna Lopes, Robert Pino, Ariel Taylor, Deanna Henderson, Joanne Foy, Robert and Barbara McMillin, Timothy J. Owens, Mr. Charles B. Wagner III, Jan Aamodt, Doug Barnette Sr., Mr. Carl Birk, Mark Block, James Hawthorne, Rene Hernandez, Jeff and Marsha Pauley, Charles Rash, Mr. Robert Zeeman, Dinesh Chandra and Kalpana Krishna, Mr. Randolph Dillenbeck & All Anonymous Donors



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ALL AMERICAN MEMBERS

We are proud to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who showed unwavering support during the All American National Airborne Day Flash Sale on August 16, 2025. Because of you, the event was a tremendous success with over 700 participants stepping up to support the legacy, brotherhood, and sisterhood of the All American Paratroopers.

Emails have been sent—and are still being sent—to participants who may need to provide additional documentation or answer a follow-up question. Please keep an eye on your inbox for messages from admin@82ndairborneassociation.org. We sincerely appreciate your patience as we finalize and process the remaining Flash Sale All American memberships.

We're also excited to share that an additional 70 past and present paratroopers became All American members during 2025, bringing us to nearly 800 All American memberships to close out the year—an outstanding milestone made possible by this incredible community.

Thank you for standing with us, honoring the Airborne legacy, and helping make 2025 a year to remember.

All the way!



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

PEDAL FOR PARATROOPERS

TRI-DISTANCE BICYCLE CHARITY RIDE

100KM

64KM

34KM

Pedal for Paratroopers is a charity cycling event welcoming riders of all skill levels in support of those who serve. Proceeds benefit the All American Adventure Program, which promotes resilience and mental health for at-risk active-duty and Veteran Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division through counseling resources and restorative outdoor experiences such as kayaking, hiking, and equine therapy. Registration includes an event T-shirt, with jerseys and other apparel, water bottles, and a BBQ combo meal available for purchase. Join us for a meaningful ride that supports healing, strength, and the enduring Airborne spirit—All the Way.



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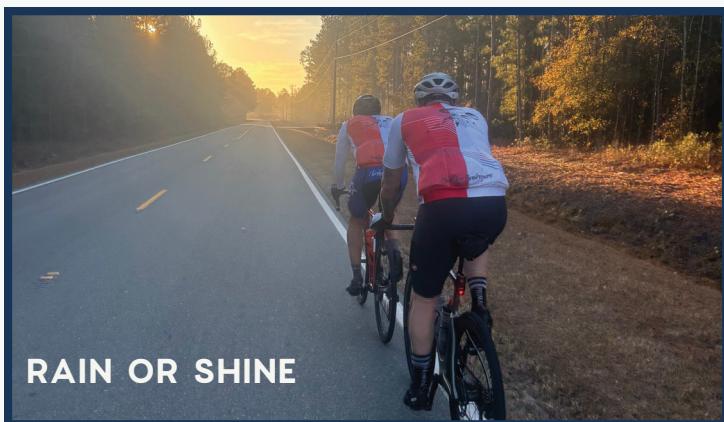
OR

Search for Pedal For Paratroopers
on RunSignUp.com

REGISTRATION



ENTRY FEE: \$65 (INCLUDES T-SHIRT)
ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 11:59 P.M.
SAME DAY REGISTRATION WILL BE \$75 AND WILL START AT 6:30 A.M.
PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1ST TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT.



RAIN OR SHINE

McDeeds Creek Elementary
2953 Camp Easter Road
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Saturday
18 April
2026

Start at
8:00 AM



ADDITIONAL EVENT ITEMS
CAN BE PURCHASED IN
THE STOREFRONT



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*JERSEY IS SEPARATE
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- Be a Partner with the 82nd Association
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HOW TO DONATE:

Scan the QR Code or Visit the link below:

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P.O. Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304



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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2026

May 18-21, 2026

Fort Bragg, North Carolina



AAW Registration

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members and guests to join us as we celebrate All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division. Registration is \$170 per attendee, which covers food, snacks, and drinks in the hospitality room, AAW T-shirt*, one formal dinner*, The Fayetteville Chapter's Picnic Lunch, The Fayetteville Chapter Southern BBQ Dinner, and the All American Week Event Shuttle. Please register early, as the registration fee will increase to \$185 per attendee after April 27, 2026.

Upon arrival, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk at Landmark Inn 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



Standard Room Rates are **\$99 per night (plus tax)** for registered **Association members** at the **Landmark Inn**. This rate is available **May 15 - May 23**. Please note that the reservation cutoff date is **May 1, 2026**. After this date, room rates will increase, so be sure to **book early - rooms are limited!** Overnight Self-Parking is available for free onsite. Handicap parking is available. Continental Breakfast is included.

Hotel Reservations Information:

To make your reservation, PLEASE CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

Landmark Inn

1208 Glider Street, Fort Bragg, NC

910-495-1215 (For any assistance with booking, questions, or special accommodations, please call this number)

(Reference 82nd Airborne Division Association)

*The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch will be Monday, May 18, at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to and from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

*The Fayetteville Chapter will host a Golf Scramble on Monday, May 18, at the Carolina Lakes Golf Course.

*The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, May 20, at Landmark Inn.

*The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, May 21, at the Iron Mike Conference Center. The dress code for the Banquet is Coat and Tie/Evening Attire.

*Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Landmark Inn.

Schedule and More Information To Come!

***To guarantee a T-shirt, please complete your registration by April 27, 2026!**



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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AAW Registration

Name			
Phone Number		Email	
Street Address		City/State/Zip Code	
Chapter			
Title/Rank		Association Member Number	
Spouse/Guest 1		Guest 2	
Guest 3		Guest 4	
Please list any dietary restrictions or handicap needs/special accommodations below.			
Arrival Date		Departure Date	
Hotel Reservations Made At			
Did you serve in the 82 nd ABN DIV in (Please Circle)	WWII Dom Rep Vietnam Grenada Panama Persian Gulf GWOT		

Registration Fee is \$170 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, T-Shirt*, Banquet*, AAW Event Shuttle, and More).
Registration Fee will increase to \$185 per person after April 27, 2026.

Number of Registered Attendees		X	\$170 Each	=	\$
Number of Challenge Coins		X	\$20 Each	=	\$
*To guarantee a T-shirt, please complete your registration by April 27, 2026!				Total:	\$
Please Circle T-Shirt Size	Guest 1	Guest 2	Guest 3	Guest 4	
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Standard Rooms Available for \$99 per Night (plus tax)
The hotel reservation cutoff date is **May 1, 2026**. After this date, room rates will increase, so be sure to book early! This special rate is available exclusively to those registered for All American Week. Rooms are limited - reserve yours now!
On-site parking is available for free. Continental Breakfast is included.

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Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482

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2026 AAW
Challenge Coin
\$20 each
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Please call (910) 223-1182 with any questions.

Cancellations and/or requests for refunds must be submitted no later than April 27, 2026. Refunds will not be issued after this date unless it is a verifiable emergency. Funds will be considered a donation to the Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

We look forward to seeing you at All American Week!

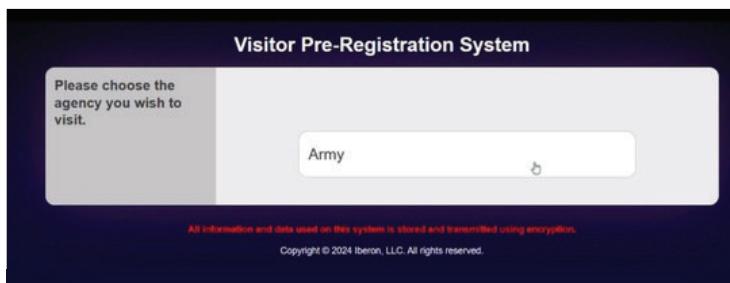
Fort Bragg, NC Visitor Access

Visitors requiring a pass for access to Fort Bragg can now apply for passes online.

The online pass process can only be utilized by those who are US citizens, have a valid state issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, and have a mobile phone - up to 30 days in advance. Select "Fort Bragg" under Installation.

After vetting, visitors will be sent a text informing them if their visit has been approved or denied. Visitors with a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card may proceed to any of Fort Bragg's access control points to be scanned for access. Passes will NOT be sent via email to the visitor.

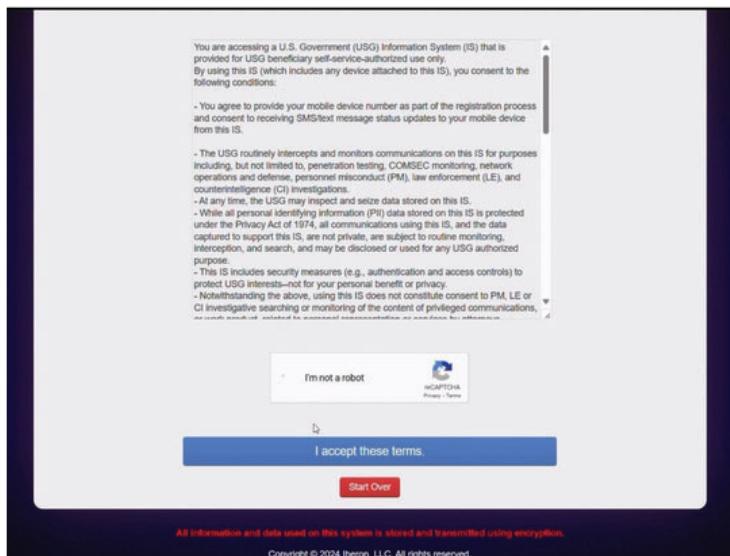
For visitors WITHOUT a REAL ID-compliant identification, stop by the Visitor Access Center at the All American Gate between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., seven days a week.



The screenshot shows the "Visitor Pre-Registration System" interface. A message at the top says "Please choose the agency you wish to visit." Below it is a dropdown menu with "Army" selected. At the bottom, a note states "All information and data used on this system is stored and transmitted using encryption." and "Copyright © 2024 Iberon, LLC. All rights reserved."

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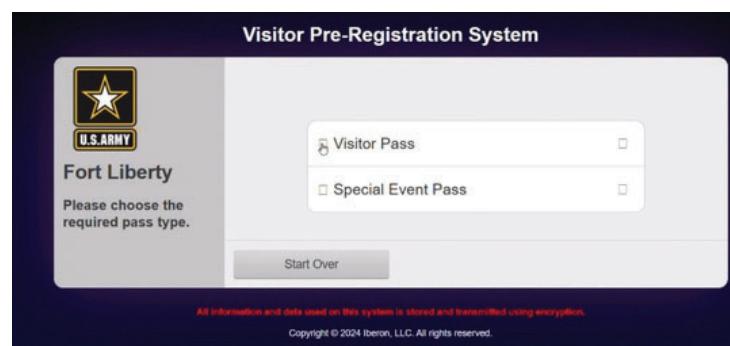
- Visit https://pass.aie.army.mil/steps/branch_selection
- Choose your branch.
- Next, Choose Fort Bragg.



The screenshot shows the "Visitor Pre-Registration System" interface. It displays a detailed list of "Terms and Conditions" for using the system. Below the list are two checkboxes: "I'm not a robot" and "I accept these terms." At the bottom, a note states "All information and data used on this system is stored and transmitted using encryption." and "Copyright © 2024 Iberon, LLC. All rights reserved."

Step 2:

- Read the terms.
- Click the "I'm not a Robot" box.
- Click "I accept these terms."



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Step 3:

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All American Week

PRINTABLE VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

VENDOR INFORMATION

Company / Firm Name
(as shown on Federal Tax Return) _____

Alternate Name
if applicable / (doing business as) _____

Point of Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Vendor Email _____

Vendor Address _____

Vendor Website _____

TAX EXEMPT? Y or N

BOOTH INFORMATION

Description of Product(s) for sale _____

What Payment Methods will you accept _____

Will you need electricity if available
(First Come, First Served) _____

Table Cost is \$100 per table.
How many will you be requesting? _____ X \$100.00 _____ TOTAL
AMOUNT _____

Must also provide an item or items
that exceed in value of \$150.00 for
the auction, to participate.

Please list the item or items that you
will donate for the auction _____

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 33RD ANNUAL



ALL AMERICAN WEEK GOLF SCRAMBLE

0900 HRS. ON 18 MAY 2026

ANDERSON CREEK GOLF COURSE

125 WHISPERING PINES DR, SPRING LAKE, NC

- E1-E6: \$45
- E7 & Above; Retirees; Veterans; Civilians: \$50
- Includes green fees, cart and prizes Shotgun start, Captains choice.
- Maximum of 29 four person teams will be accepted
- Teams must be Paid & Registered NLT 1200 Hrs. 14 May 2026

Picnic will follow at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse
Located at: 606 Johnson St. Fayetteville, NC 28303

POC: Gary Lyons
Cell: (910) 261-2169

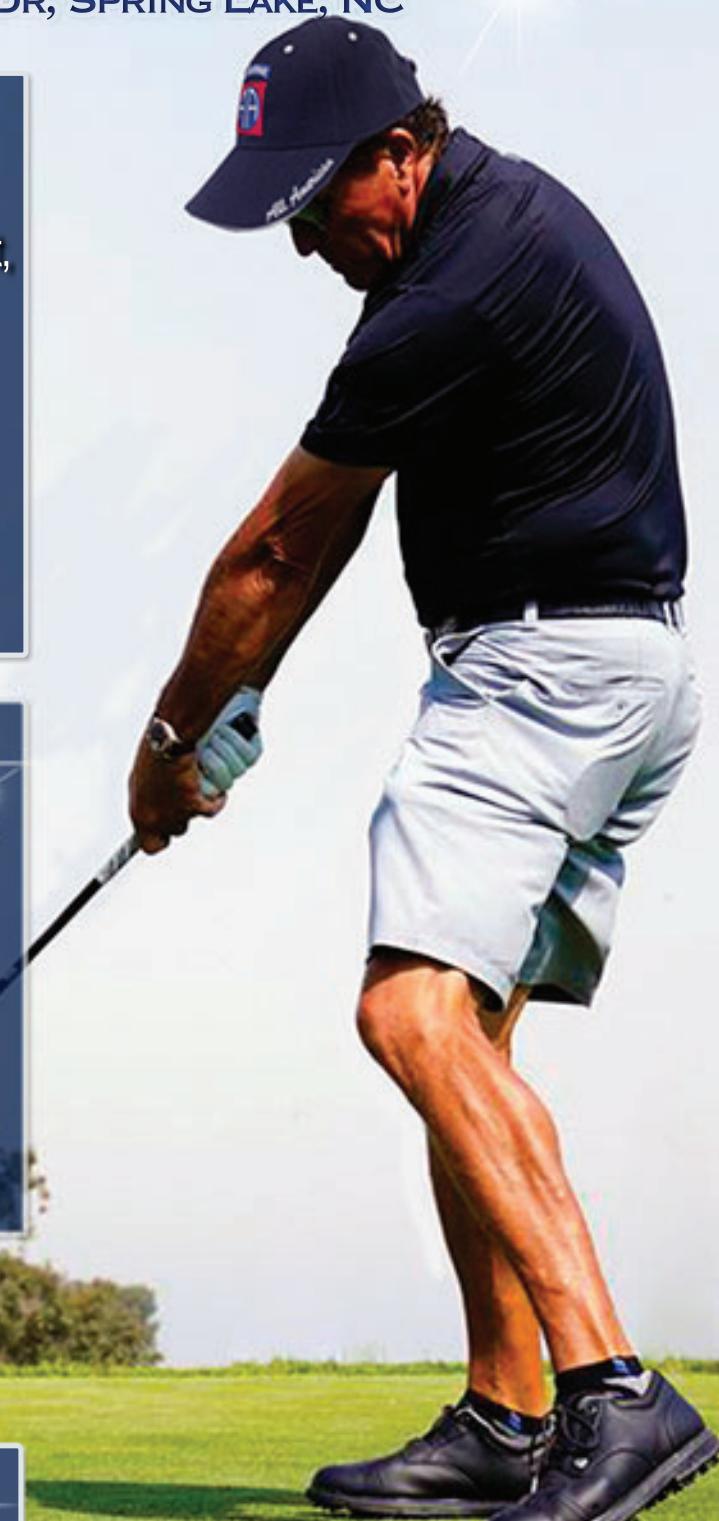
Pay Options

1. Cash App: \$FayettevilleChapter
2. Zelle: 82ndABNFAYCHPT@gmail.com
3. Check : Make check payable to:

Fayetteville Chapter 82nd Airborne Association
PO Box 40933
Fayetteville, NC 28309-0933



When registering you must email
the players full names (ranks) to:
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BADGER STATE CHAPTER D-DAY AIRBORNE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF INJURED VETERANS

6 JUNE 2026

Westridge Golf Course
8130 Golf Course Road, Neenah, WI

Benefiting injured military Veterans and their families by contributing to Veteran specific organizations such as Patriot K-9s, Stable Hands Equine Therapy Center, Mobility 4-Vets, the 82nd Airborne Education Fund, and the Travis Mills Foundation. Honoring the 82nd Anniversary of D-Day and the legacy of WWII Veterans.



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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:



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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!

Hotel Reservations Information:

To make your reservation, please contact the hotel directly.

Holiday Inn - San Antonio Riverwalk

217 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, TX

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			
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Guest 3		Guest 4	
Please list any dietary restrictions or handicap needs/special accommodations below.			

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Number of Registered Attendees		X	\$225 Each	=	\$
Number of Challenge Coins		X	\$25 Each	=	\$
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We look forward to seeing you at the 80th National Convention!

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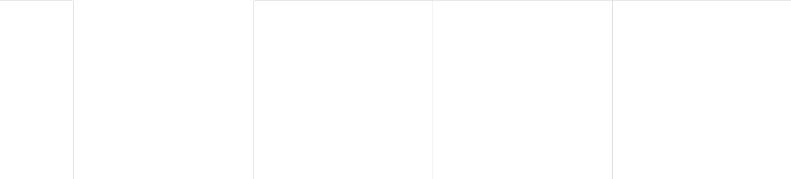


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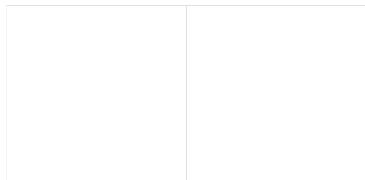


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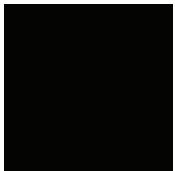


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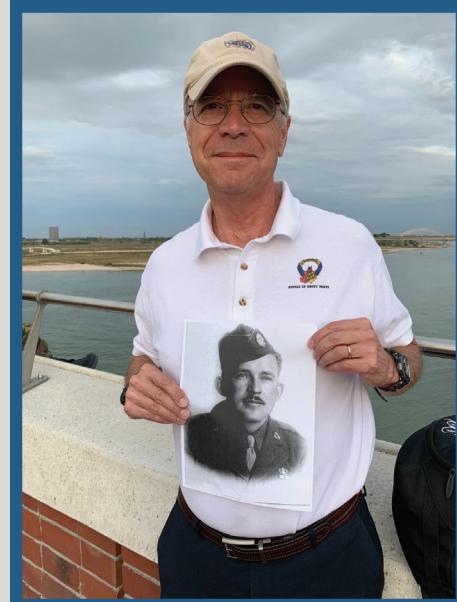
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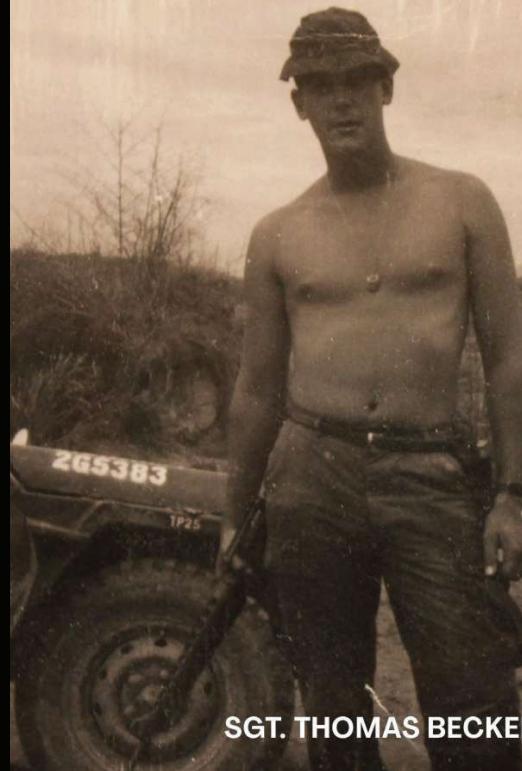
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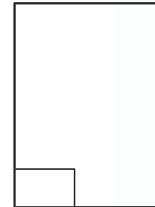
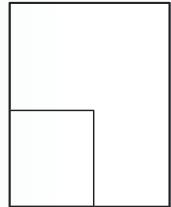
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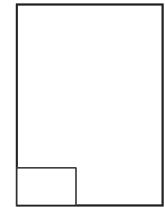
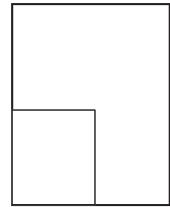
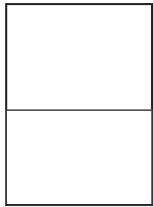
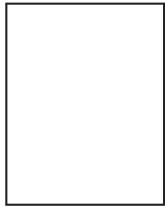


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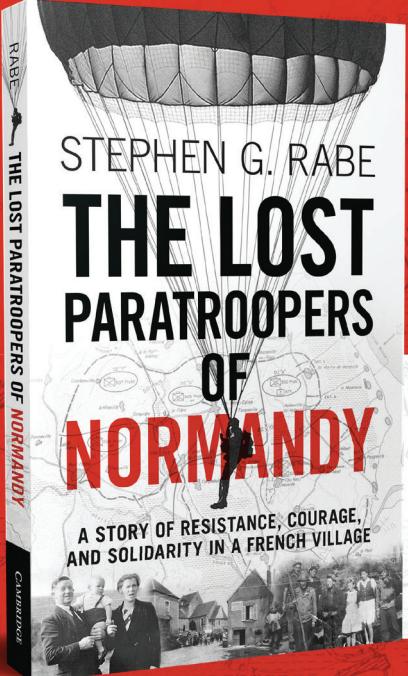
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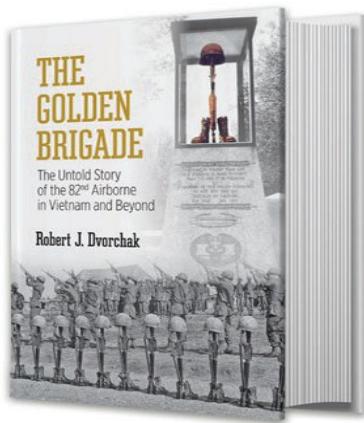
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OCTOBER 15, 2026

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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

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Occupation _____ Spouse _____

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Effective April 2023



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(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



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Pinehurst, NC 28374

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**** 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

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Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

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3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
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Rank/Grade _____

DD214 _____ Jump School _____ Location _____ Year _____ Company _____

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Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association _____ 555th Parachute Infantry 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.

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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.

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Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

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garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872.

Dir Maggie Peppers, Secretary 82nd Airborne Division Association WWF Committee.

abnpep@gmail.com, 440-300-8903

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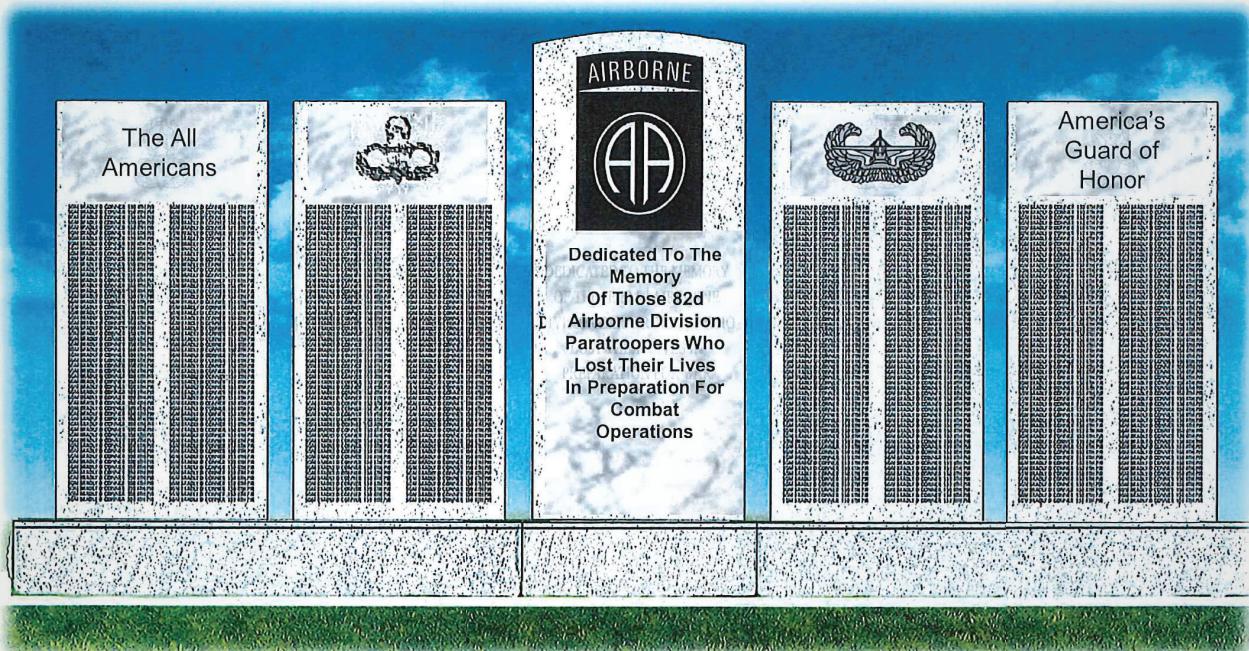
If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.



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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.

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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.

Frank M. Rasbury, a member of the North Central Florida All Airborne Chapter, 97, passed away on July 24th, 2025. Frank is survived by his wife, Naida, daughter, Robbin, sons, Eric and Stanley. He was preceded in death by his son Gordon, parents, and two younger siblings, Carroll and Marjoire. He spent more than 20 years on active duty, rising in rank from Private to Lt. Colonel, having served in both Korea and Vietnam, earning several decorations. Frank spent many years being a part of many different organizations. Frank was the Inaugural North Central Florida AA Chapter Secretary. He served with 3-508 PIR.

Perry Nantz, a member of the Jacksonville All Airborne Chapter, 79, passed away on December 12th, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife, Linda, daughters Susan and Sharon, his cherished grandchildren Saretta, Briana, Sierra, Brelynn, and Janee. He was a 22-year U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He began his military service as a paratrooper with the 82nd ABN DIV, he served with 1/187th Airborne Battle Group and 2-508th PIR.

Armin Engelhardt, a member of the Chicago Chapter, passed away on January 10th, 2024. He served with A/76 PFA BN, 82nd ABN DIV.

James "Jim" Gladue, a member

of the Chicago Chapter, 72, passed away on March 5th, 2019. He is survived by his daughter Carol, son Jim, granddaughters Cassidy and Julia, great-grandson Anthony, brother Michael, sister Gloria, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen "Sue." Jim was a Vietnam veteran and he served with 82nd Admin.

Past President **Fredric L. Spaulding**, a member of the Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter, 85, passed away on December 22nd, 2025. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Micki, and one brother, John. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Victorene, brothers James and Russell, and three sons, Marshall, Fredrick, and Jeffrey. PP Spaulding served as the 82nd Airborne Division Association National President years 2013-2014. Lt. Col. Ret. Fredric L. Spaulding had a storied military career; he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, June 1958 through June 1987, with nine years being spent in Vietnam. Fred served in three combat areas, Dominican Republic, Korea, and Vietnam. He served with 504 PIR, 325 AIR, 508 PIR, 82nd ABN DIV and other U.S. Army units.

Joseph P. Carr, a member of the Wolverine Chapter, passed away on June 15th, 2025. He is survived by his beloved wife, Angleine, brothers, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, devoted

family, and numerous childhood and extended family friends. Joe served with 307th ENG Bn, 82ND ABN DIV.

James Stanley Zieba, a member of the Golden Brigade Chapter, passed away on July 11th, 2025. He is survived by his beloved children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, and countless devoted family and friends. Jim served with the 618th ENG Co (LE) (ABN) and 307th ENG BN, 82nd ABN DIV, and in Special Operations Forces, 1st Special Forces Regt, and 10th SFG. He was a decorated veteran of two tours in Vietnam. Upon retirement, he worked as a government contractor, a Special Forces Selection Instructor, and Camp Mackall and Robin-Sage grader and instructor.

CSM(R) **Glenn E. Lane**, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 96, passed away on January 10th, 2026. He is survived by his loving wife Tammy, daughter Patti, and sons Stacey and Stephen, and stepdaughter Jamie, father and mother-in-law Carl and Adeleh, as well as other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Amanda, brother JD, sisters Pauline and Betty, and two little brothers who passed away at a very young age. Glenn was a highly decorated veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His awards the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with V-Device and two oak leaf

clusters, and Purple Heart with four oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd award), Army Commendation with one oak-leaf cluster, Korean Service Medal with six battle stars, Distinguished Unit Emblem with two oak-leaf clusters, Master Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with five battle stars, and several other medals. Additionally, he was honored to be inducted into the Special Forces Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR). While in the 82nd ABN DIV, he served with 307 ENG, 504 PIR, C&C BN, and 376 PFA; he earned Trooper of the Year in 1961. He then joined Special Forces in 1964. While in Vietnam, he was wounded several times, but during his last tour, he was severely injured forcing him to medically retire in November 1970. Glenn was a long-time Red Cross volunteer for almost 30 years at Womack Army Hospital.

James Tolley, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 87, passed away on January 12th, 2026. He is survived by his wife Dreama, children Laurie, Rebecca, and Joseph, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Edith, and brother William. Mr. Tolley was very active in the Fayetteville Chapter and served as their Judge Advocate. He served with HQ/1-319th ARTY.

Talmadge "Tally" Greenway,



a member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, 87, passed away on November 16th, 2025. Tally left behind his wife, Tara, a daughter Tracy Branch, and a son Timothy Greenway. He served with A/504 PIR.

John R. Alford, a member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, passed away on November 12th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Bettie, and three children, Susan Lowder, John Alford Jr., and Mike Alford. He served with the Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Theodore J. Lockstep, a member of the Badger State Chapter,

87, passed away peacefully on October 15th, 2023, at Wells Nature View, Marshfield, WI, where he resided since 2019. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of nearly 53 years, Kim. He is survived by his sons, Steve, Kyle, Brad, and Jared, brother Bob, sisters Linda, Sandy, Mary, and numerous nieces and nephews. The old paratrooper was very proud of service; he served with the 11 Airborne Division, spending time in Germany.

Eugene "Gene" Boggess, a member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, 92, passed away on January 21st, 2026. He is survived

by his grandson Richard, sisters Nancy and Ruth, nieces Amy, Anita, Lea Ann, and Carrie, nephew Jeremy, and numerous friends and extended family. Gene is preceded in death by his loving wife Theresia "Sissy", daughter Renate, brothers Webster, Jerry, John, and Bruce, and sister Arlene. He proudly served in the U.S. Army as Sgt. 1st Class 82nd Airborne Division from 1952-1967 and was a member of the WV Army Reserves.

Jimmy "Jim" Tiner, a member of the Association, 76, passed away peacefully on November 24th, 2025. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of more than 46

years, Belinda. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha Jo and Henry. He is also survived by his brother Larry, nephew Larry, brother-in-law Alan, sister-in-law Deborah, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was a decorated Vietnam and Gulf War veteran. Jim's U.S. Army career spanned almost 38 years; he rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Five.

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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.

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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.

2016-2025 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.

2024-2025 Summer Airborne Night Out - Provided 100 Paratroopers and their families with dinner and tickets to a Fayetteville Woodpeckers' baseball game for a night of camaraderie and fun.

2025 Fall Airborne Night Out - Hosted 100 paratroopers and their families for dinner and an evening at the 7 Branch Farm and Arena Rodeo.

2025 Wreaths Across America - Sponsored \$500 in Wreaths Across America donations and volunteered in wreath-laying at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

2025 Holiday Gate Support – Partnered with Texas Roadhouse to provide 42 meals to Paratroopers serving at the Fort Bragg gates on Christmas Eve.

2025-2026 Winter Airborne Night Out - Provided 100 Paratroopers and their families members with dinner and tickets to a Fayetteville Marksman 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 82 nd 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.**



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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
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Summer / June 30 / July 30
Fall / September 30 / October 30

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