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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAWRENCE J. SLAVICEK

Fellow members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association,

As I write my final message as National President of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve this remarkable organization. It has been a tremendous honor to represent our members and contribute to the mission, fellowship, and continued strength of our Association.

Throughout my time as National President, I have witnessed the strength of our Association in the dedication of our chapters, the commitment of our volunteers, and the lasting bonds shared by Paratroopers and their families. Whether gathering at national and chapter events, honoring our fallen, supporting today's Paratroopers and Veterans, or preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division, our members continue to demonstrate what it means to live the Airborne spirit.

Our members are the foundation of this Association, and our chapters are where much of our mission comes to life. Strong, active chapters bring people together, support their communities, welcome new members, and ensure that the traditions and history of the 82nd Airborne Division are passed on to future generations. I encourage every member to remain involved, support their local chapter, invite fellow Paratroopers to join, and continue sharing the mission of our Association.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors, chapter leaders, volunteers, staff, and members across the country. Your hard work and commitment make everything we do possible. Thank you for the trust you placed in me, the friendship you shared, and the support you provided throughout my time in office.

Although my term as National President is coming to an end, my dedication to this Association and the All American family will remain. I am proud of what we have accomplished together, and I am confident that the Association will continue to grow, serve, and preserve the legacy entrusted to us.

I ask each of you to extend your full encouragement and support to our incoming National President and directors as they begin their service. Their leadership, combined with the involvement of our members and chapters, will guide the Association into its next chapter and ensure that our mission remains strong for years to come.

It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve as your National President. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your continued devotion to the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Airborne, All the Way!

Lawrence J. Slavicek
National President
82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

Greetings, fellow Troopers!

As we enter the fall season and approach the holidays, I want to thank our members, chapters, volunteers, and supporters for another successful year. This season reminds us to appreciate life, liberty, family, and friendship while remembering those who cannot be home with their loved ones.

In August, we celebrated our 80th National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow Troopers, conduct Association business, and celebrate our Airborne heritage. Thank you to the Texas Lone Star Chapter for their hard work and hospitality in making this milestone convention a success.

September brought another successful 3rd Annual 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported this event as we honored the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and reaffirmed our promise to never forget.

As the holidays approach, we look forward to continuing our Holiday Troop Support Program, providing hundreds of meals to active-duty Paratroopers and their families in November and December. Our GivingTuesday campaign runs November 23 through December 1, during which donations will be amplified through the Cumberland Community Foundation and its giving partners. If you plan to support this year's Holiday Troop Support Program, please consider making your contribution during this period to help maximize its impact.

We are also proud to be an official sponsor of the 2nd Annual Best Jumpmaster Competition at Fort Benning this April, recognizing the skill, dedication, and professionalism of today's Airborne Paratroopers.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the 2027 All Airborne Convention next summer and another opportunity to bring our Airborne family together.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the 82nd Airborne Division Association. It remains an honor to serve as your Executive Director. I wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Airborne, All the Way!

James Grimes
Executive Director
82nd Airborne Division Association

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82ND Airborne Division Association

Introducing Our New 2027 Leadership

Incoming National Officers

Terms Begin January 2027



Maggie Peppers
Incoming
National President

Peppers, Maggie A. (Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Chapter) – An All American Member of the Association, Maggie currently serves as the National Vice President after previously serving as National Secretary and as the Lead for the Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Chapter. A retired First Sergeant, she served nearly 30 years on active duty, including 18 years in Airborne units with the 313th Military Intelligence Battalion, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, and the 505th and 508th Parachute Infantry Regiments. She is a Jumpmaster, combat veteran, and her first Airborne assignment was as a Non-Airborne Trained Soldier in the pursuit of excellence. She signed into Fort Bragg and then attached to an all-male, all-Airborne combat veteran platoon within the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion. She is a recipient of the National Infantry Association Order of Saint Michael-Guardian. She is also a recipient of the MI Corps Knowlton Award. Maggie remains an active advocate for the Association through the Education Fund, Wounded Warrior Fund, Airborne heritage programs, and outreach to veterans and current paratroopers. As the incoming National President, she will continue to utilize her leadership, organizational, networking, and public relations skills to strengthen the Association, preserve Airborne history, and expand veteran engagement across the organization.



David Mayville
Incoming National
Vice-President

Mayville, David (Texas Lone Star Chapter) – As an All American Member since 2022, David currently serves as a National Director and as the Texas Lone Star Chapter Chairman. He served with distinction in HHC, 1/325 AIR from May 1986 to September 1988. He has served as Treasurer of the 325th AIR Association since 2019. He has also been recognized as a Distinguished Member of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. Beyond his military service, David retired after 30 years of dedicated service to his community as a police officer. A proud member of the Texas Lone Star Chapter, he is a committed paratrooper who continues to support the mission and values of the Association. David brings with him a deep respect for Airborne traditions and a strong desire to contribute to the growth and engagement of the Association. As the incoming National Vice-President, he will continue to work to strengthen connections across chapters, encourage veteran participation, and support initiatives that preserve our shared legacy.

Continuing National Officers

Ryan Yearicks	Steve Copening
National Secretary	National Treasurer

With Sincere Appreciation

Lawrence J. Slavicek - Outgoing National President

The 82nd Airborne Division Association extends its heartfelt thanks to Lawrence J. Slavicek for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service as National President over the past two years. His commitment to our members, chapters, and the proud traditions of the Airborne community has been deeply appreciated. We thank Lawrence for the time, energy, and dedication he has devoted to leading our Association and wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

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Makeba Jeffcoat

Jeffcoat, Makeba "Keebs" (Fayetteville Chapter) - An AAM since 2023 and she currently serves as Chapter Trustee. Makeba served honorably in 18th Fires Brigade (2013-2016). Most recently served in 407th BSB (325th AIR) from 2018-2024, which included 29 months of distribution company command and a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. While serving as a Trustee, she created Chapter social media pages to connect with Veterans, currently serving Paratroopers and local Veteran Service Organizations. She also created and manages the Chapter CRM account along with serving as the Chapter representative on the Cumberland County Veterans Council. She is most passionate about cultivating connections and bridging gaps among organizations to collaboratively assist the military affiliated community in Fayetteville and Fort Bragg. All of Makeba's actions have increased awareness of both the Chapter and the Association within different demographics. As an incoming National Director, Makeba will bring commitment to growing the Association through networking skills, relationship building, public relations/community engagement and connection to current Paratroopers during her tenure.



David Lucero

Lucero, David (Benavidez-Patterson All Airborne Chapter) – A Life Member since 2010, David has previously served several years as a Chapter Trustee and currently serves as Chapter Chairman. He has played an instrumental role in the success of the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter through fundraising, facility improvement projects, community outreach, Color Guard participation, and the Chapter's Partnership in Education program. His service includes presenting bicycles to local schools, distributing holiday care packages to veterans, and providing stuffed animals to children at local hospitals and crisis centers. David served as an Infantryman with C Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg from 1991 to 1994 and deployed to Sinai, Egypt, with the Multinational Force and Observers. As an incoming National Director, he will continue to utilize his organizational, motivational, and networking skills to help grow the Association while expanding fundraising, public relations, and veteran outreach efforts.



Michael E. Mullins

Mullins, Michael E. (Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne Chapter) – Michael proudly served with 4/68 Armor at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, before serving in Army Aviation units at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Hanau, Germany. He later served as an Instructor and Drill Sergeant at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and retired after more than 20 years of Army service at the rank of Sergeant First Class. Within his Chapter, he has served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary over the past decade while actively participating in numerous national events. As an incoming National Director, Michael plans to utilize his leadership, organizational, technical expertise, and professional management experience to help move the Association forward by improving operational efficiencies, strengthening member services, and building a strong foundation for the Association's continued success.

CONTINUING NATIONAL DIRECTORS

Maggie Peppers	Ryan Yearicks	Terri Bishop	Lee Walker	Cletus Slabach	Alberto Aviles	Robert Burkhart	Dave Mauro	David Mayville

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

Brian Severino - Outgoing National Director

Mike Oesch - Outgoing National Director

The 82nd Airborne Division Association extends its sincere thanks to Brian Severino and Mike Oesch as they complete their terms of service on the National Board of Directors. We are grateful for their willingness to serve, contribute their time, and support the mission.

80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 82nd Airborne Division Association celebrated its 80th National Convention in San Antonio, Texas, bringing together members, Veterans, families, and friends for a week of events, traditions, and Airborne history. Hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter, the convention featured Association meetings, special guests, ceremonies, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with fellow Paratroopers.

San Antonio provided a great setting for the convention, with the historic Alamo and famous River Walk just a short distance away. The Holiday Inn served as our home for the week, and the Hospitality Suite, organized by the Texas Lone Star Chapter, was a popular gathering place throughout the convention. Members enjoyed catching up with old friends, sharing stories, and making new memories.

Convention activities included registration, visits with participating vendors, and several important Association meetings. We appreciate the support of the 82nd Airborne Division Museum Shop, USAA, and Five Papa Paratrooper Das Boot for joining us. The Board of Directors Meeting, Delegate Meeting, and General Membership Meeting provided opportunities to discuss Association business and plans for the future. Elections were also held, with Maggie Peppers elected as incoming National President and David Mayville as National Vice President. Makeba "Keebs" Jeffcoat, David Lucero, and Michael Mullins were elected to the Board of Directors. Their terms begin January 1, 2027.

One of our favorite traditions, the annual Convention Jersey Photo, took place in front of the Alamo. The Texas heat certainly made its presence known, but everyone came together for a great group photo! Convention attendees were also entered into a raffle for a ride aboard a historic C-47 aircraft, adding a little extra excitement to the week.

The 504th/325th Regimental Dinner brought members together to celebrate their regimental history, while the Memorial Banquet provided a special opportunity to remember and honor our fallen Paratroopers and Association members who have passed away.

The Wounded Warrior CrossFit Workout of the Day (WOD) was another great event. We sincerely thank King William District CrossFit in San Antonio for welcoming our participants and allowing us to use its facility. Proceeds from the event benefited the Association's Wounded Warrior Fund, which supports wounded Paratroopers and their families.

Association leadership and members of the Wounded Warrior Committee also had the distinct honor of touring the Burn Unit at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC). The visit provided an opportunity to learn more about the exceptional care and treatment provided to wounded service members and the important work being done by the medical professionals who care for them. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to visit and thank the BAMC staff for their dedication to our nation's wounded warriors.

The spouses enjoyed a festive Tex-Mex-themed brunch organized by Sue Copening. We extend a special thank-you to Sue for her hard work, creativity, and time spent putting together such an enjoyable event.

One of the highlights of the convention was the National Airborne Banquet, held Saturday, August 15. The evening featured special guests, recognition, entertainment, and a celebration of Airborne history.

We were especially honored to welcome 103-year-old World War II Paratrooper Eugene "Gene" Metcalfe, who attended with his daughter, Tracey Metcalfe. Gene participated in Operation Market Garden and was held as a prisoner of war by Nazi Germany. His remarkable service and experiences are an important part of Airborne history. Despite being 103 years young, Gene's energy was infectious! His enthusiasm, humor, and lively personality made him a favorite among convention attendees. It was a privilege to spend time with him, hear his stories, and recognize his service. We are incredibly grateful that Gene and Tracey joined us in San Antonio.

Other distinguished guests included Yvonne Benavidez, daughter of Medal of Honor recipient Roy Benavidez, and Mike Lopez

of the 82nd Airborne Division Historical Society, who shared his knowledge of Airborne history.

With All American Week and its traditional banquet canceled this year due to operational requirements, the National Airborne Banquet also provided an opportunity to recognize the 82nd Airborne Division's Trooper and NCO of the Year. We were proud to honor these outstanding Paratroopers for their dedication, leadership, and service.

The Association also inducted three new Honorary Members: Jackie Oesch, Dee Dee Kuharik, and Cindy Holcomb. Richard G. Becker Sr. was recognized as the 2025 All American of the Year, followed by Steven P. Copening, who was recognized as the 2026 All American of the Year.

Although the All American Chorus was unable to attend, we were fortunate to have one of its talented singers join us and deliver a wonderful performance. We also welcomed SGM Jeffery Dudzienski, Chorus and Band NCOIC, as a guest speaker. A mariachi band brought some Texas entertainment to the evening, and we even had a young Paratrooper in the crowd! Can you spot him in the photos?

Bernie Hanus served as chaplain for the evening, and Brian Severino stepped in as master of ceremonies, helping keep the busy program moving along.

The convention auction was another exciting event, featuring a variety of unique items and Airborne memorabilia. Among the highlights were a beautiful 82nd Airborne quilt and flags from Project 22 that were flown and jumped from an aircraft over Normandy on the 82nd anniversary of D-Day. These special flags were also signed by World War II Veteran Gene Metcalfe, making them particularly meaningful pieces of Airborne history. The auction brought plenty of excitement and friendly bidding throughout the evening.

Of course, some of the best memories were made outside the scheduled events. Whether enjoying San Antonio's River Walk, spending time in the Hospitality Suite, exploring the city, or simply catching up with friends at the Holiday Inn, there was no shortage of good times throughout the week.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Texas Lone Star Chapter for hosting an outstanding 80th National Convention. Its members dedicated countless hours to planning, organizing, and volunteering to make the week a success. From the welcoming Hospitality Suite to the many events and activities, their hard work and Texas hospitality were appreciated by all.

We also thank our sponsors, vendors, special guests, volunteers, Association leadership, and everyone who helped make this convention possible.

Most importantly, thank you to our Association members and their families. Your continued support and participation make these conventions possible and help keep the traditions and history of the 82nd Airborne Division alive.

Our 80th National Convention was a wonderful success, and we are grateful to everyone who joined us in San Antonio. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Airborne, All the Way!

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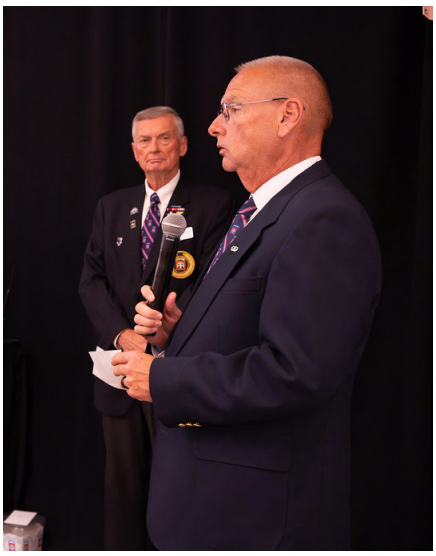
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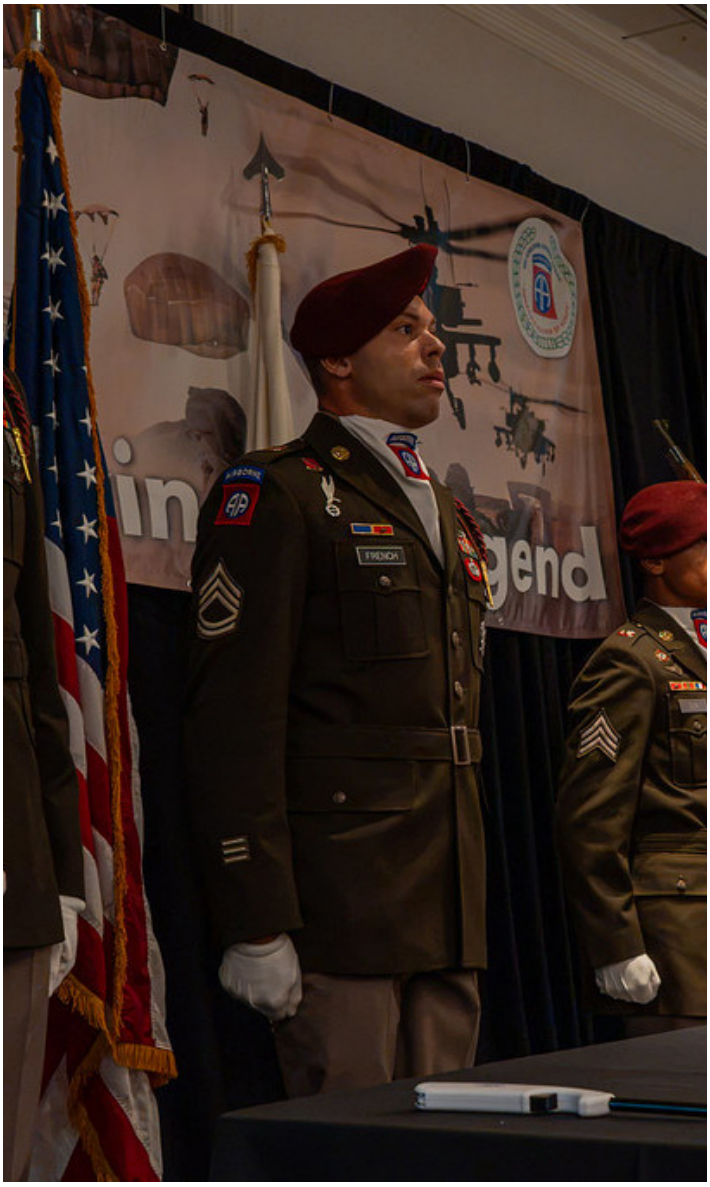






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THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VISITS THE BROOK ARMY MEDICAL CENTER BURN UNIT

The 82nd Airborne Association leadership and Wounded Warrior Committee had the distinct honor to tour the Brook Army Medical Center Burn Unit. We presented staff with coins and thank you certificates for the great work they do. The association President Larry Slavicek , Exec Dir Grimes, VP Peppers Wounded Warrior Pres Rezabek headed up this group. We met with Col/ Dr Kelly the BAMC Commander and presented him the thank you for their service certificates.

In attendance were Kevin Miller, Georgia Veterans Day Association President/ Chairman and Jason Savell accompanied by his Mother, Father and his wife. Kevin and Jason were survivors of the Pope AFB Green Ramp Disaster 1994. Both received severe burns and Jason lost a leg and had been evacuated to BAMC in San Antonio, Texas. We were briefed on the capabilities and modernization of the unit. New and improved techniques for burn treatments. From the initial contact to physical therapy to assist with daily living and discharge. We thank the BAMC staff and Col. Kelly for making this happen and for the 82nd Association to say Thank You for taking great care of our troops. Airborne All the Way

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80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION - WWII VETERAN GENE METCALFE







9/11 RUN, RUCK, WALK TO REMEMBER 5K

Honoring the Fallen. Remembering Their Sacrifice.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association proudly hosted its 3rd Annual 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember 5K at Carvers Creek State Park in Fayetteville, North Carolina. This year's event held special significance as we commemorated the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, bringing together firefighters, Veterans, students, families, and community supporters for an evening of remembrance and unity. Twenty-five years later, we remain committed to honoring the nearly 3,000 lives lost, the bravery of our first responders, and the sacrifices of those who answered our nation's call to serve in the years that followed. Events like this help ensure that the promise to Never Forget continues to be passed down to future generations.

We were especially proud to donate a portion of this year's event proceeds to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) in honor of FDNY Chief Peter J. Ganci Jr., a former U.S. Army Paratrooper who made the ultimate sacrifice while responding to the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. His legacy of service, courage, and sacrifice embodies the spirit of both the Airborne and firefighting communities.
We extend our sincere appreciation to our Spartan Sponsor, Southern Pines Chiropractic and Dr. Joseph Wahl, for his generous support of this year's event. In addition to his sponsorship, Dr. Wahl covered the cost of event shirts for the participating cross-country team students, helping ensure our younger generation could proudly take part in this meaningful tribute.

A special thank-you goes to the firefighters who participated, including one dedicated firefighter who completed the 5K in full turnout gear! We are equally grateful to the Veterans, runners, ruckers, walkers, students, families, volunteers, and spectators who came out to show their support. Whether you crossed the finish line or cheered from the sidelines, your presence helped make this event a success.

To our sponsors, participants, and supporters, thank you for making our third annual event possible. Your continued generosity allows us to honor the fallen, support meaningful causes, and bring our community together in remembrance.
We Remember. We Honor. We Will Never Forget.
AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!



9/11 RUN, RUCK, WALK TO REMEMBER 5K









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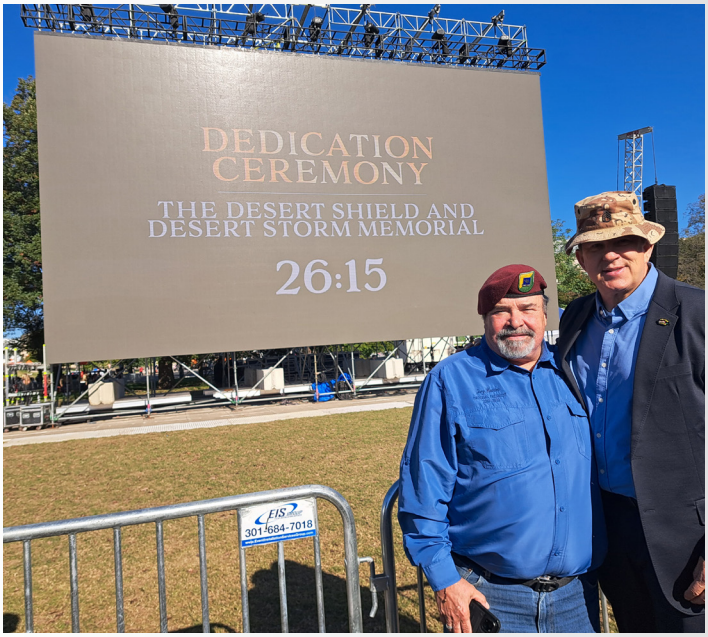


THE DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM MEMORIAL OPENING DEDICATION

Members of the 82nd Airborne Association were in attendance for the opening of the Desert Shield /Desert Storm Monument in Washington DC. on 24 October 2026. Cee Freeman, an association member, was the Vice-Chairman of the monuments committee. Job well done Cee. The 82nd Airborne Division deployed shortly after Saddam invaded Kuwait. We were the line. It was a great and memorable event. Thank all the represented the Division at this Historical event.

Gary Rezabek, SFC(R), LPN/EMT
President 82nd Airborne Assoc Wounded Warrior Fund National
President, Joint Veterans Coalition of Medina County
Chairman, Pvt John Towle MOH Cleveland Chapter, 82ndAirborne Assoc
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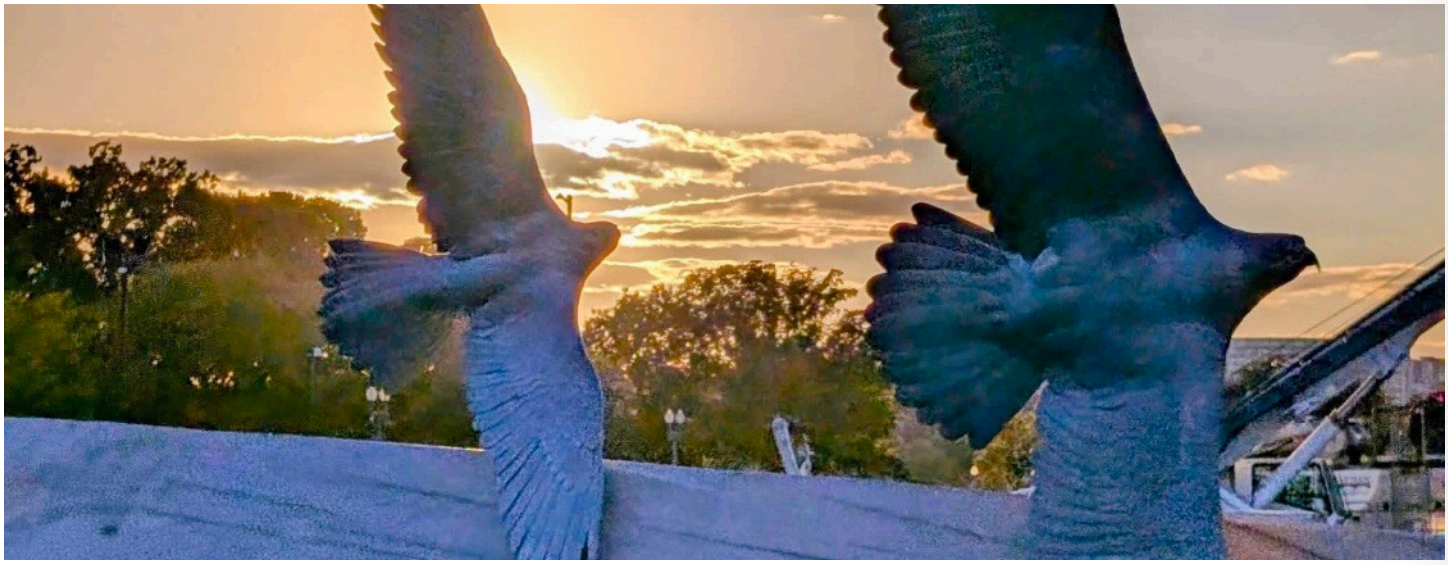




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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

VETERANS DAY

CHAPTER EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

HONOR ★ CONNECT ★ SUPPORT

Veterans Day – 2026

Honoring All Who Served – Chapter Events Across the Nation

This Veterans Day, the 82nd Airborne Division Association proudly joins Americans across the country in honoring the brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces.

Our Association Chapters are hosting a variety of Veterans Day events in communities nationwide, bringing together Veterans, Paratroopers, families, and supporters to recognize the service and sacrifices of those who have worn our nation's uniform.

Whether you are celebrating in your hometown or traveling this Veterans Day, we encourage you to explore the upcoming events hosted by our Chapters. These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Veterans, strengthen the bonds of camaraderie, and honor our shared military heritage.

On the following 9 pages, you will find Veterans Day events submitted by our Association Chapters across the country. We invite all Veterans, Paratroopers, families, and community members to join us in commemorating this special day.

On behalf of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have served and to our Chapters for their continued dedication to honoring America's Veterans.

All The Way!
82nd Airborne Division Association

Washington, DC Chapter
82nd Airborne Division Association

Hey Troopers,

On **November 7th, from 1100 to 1600 hours**, the Washington DC Chapter will occupy and hold, until relieved, **Objective Bear Chase at Bear Chase Brewery**. Your mission: rally your Airborne buddies and assault the objective between **1100 and 1200 hours!**

Break out your identifiable **Airborne clothing** and join us for an afternoon of camaraderie, cold beer, military displays, and the stories that only get better every time we tell them. Whether you're a regular or haven't joined us in a while, we want you there. **Your presence makes this Chapter stronger.**

This year, Bear Chase will also sell **Chapter-designed T-shirts featuring the design below**, with a special thanks to Kevin Headtke for his artwork. **All profits will support the Chapter**, so pick up a shirt, wear it proudly, and help keep our Airborne community going strong.

Call your buddies, round up the stragglers, and clear out the bars if you must, but make sure they rally on the objective. **Come reconnect with old friends, meet fellow Paratroopers, and keep the Airborne spirit alive!**



Airborne All the Way,

Charlie Rash
Chairman, Washington DC Chapter
https://dc82ndairborne.org





Bear Chase Brewing Company
33665 Bear Chase Ln, Bluemont, VA 20135
https://bearchasebrew.com

Washington, DC Chapter
82nd Airborne Division Association

Hey Troopers,

Please join the DC Chapter on **November 12, 2026, at 1315 hours (1:15 p.m.)** for a wreath-laying ceremony at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.** Together, we will honor those who served and sacrificed and proudly represent our Airborne community.

The uniform is a blue blazer, grey trousers, 82nd Airborne tie, and beret.

Transportation will be staged on **Memorial Avenue at 1230 hours (12:30 p.m.)** for entry into the Cemetery. An **82nd Airborne patch will be displayed on the vehicle(s)** so attendees can identify their transportation.

Anyone planning to attend must notify the Chapter at washingtondc@82ndairborneassociation.org no later than November 3 so we can ensure sufficient transportation is available. Please indicate whether you will need transportation into the Cemetery.

Attendees driving separately are encouraged to use the ANC visitor parking lot at the Welcome Center, 1 Memorial Avenue, Fort Myer, VA 22211. Please allow time for parking, security screening, and travel to the Tomb.

Please review the **ANC identification requirements** before attending and bring the appropriate identification. Those parking and walking to the Tomb will enter through the Visitor Center for security screening.

Following the ceremonies, we will gather at Crystal City Sports Pub, 529 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA 22202. Spouses and significant others are welcome to join us.

Your attendance will help make this a meaningful tribute and demonstrate our Chapter's commitment to remembering our fallen. Please mark your calendar and join your fellow Paratroopers for this special occasion.
For questions, contact Chapter Chairman Charlie Rash at 703-203-8413 or washingtondc@82ndairborneassociation.org.



Airborne All the Way,

Charlie Rash
Chairman, Washington DC Chapter
https://dc82ndairborne.org

Donald D Lassen
All Airborne Atlanta Chapter
82nd Airborne Division Association

2026 GEORGIA VETERANS DAY EVENTS
in MidTown Atlanta



Honoring Global War on Terror Veterans
and the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

10:00 AM
OBSERVANCE CEREMONY
Lobby of the Memorial Arts Building
The Woodruff Arts Center @ 1280 Peachtree Street NE,
Atlanta, GA 30309

11:00 AM
VETERANS DAY PARADE
Peachtree Street *(start)*
North Ave by Fox Theatre *(finish)*

Attention all
AIRBORNE, PARATROOPERS, ALL SERVICES, FAMILY MEMBERS

Wear your Berets, Come March as we honor and recognize all Veterans.

NEVER FORGET 9/11

.American Legion
Ottawa Post #33

901 N. LaSalle Street Ottawa, Il 61350-2017
www.ottawaalpost33.com
Phone 815-433-1191

October 10, 2026

RE: 18th Annual 24-Hour Honor Guard Vigil/Ottawa, IL

Dear Commander/President, and Members,

You are again invited to participate with American Legion Post 33 and other area veteran groups in a 24-Hour Honor Guard Vigil in Washington Square, downtown Ottawa. The dates will be Friday, Nov. 6th through Saturday November 7th.

The opening ceremony will be at 4:45 PM on Friday. We keep it simple. A combined area Color Guard will Place the Colors, then we present wreathes followed by brief remarks, then place the Lead Honor Guard. The closing ceremonies will be at 5:00 PM Saturday with the Rifle Salute, TAPS, and Retirement of the Colors. Boy Scout Troop 745 will again assist. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Legion Main Office door. We open 11am weekdays.

We will have tents (thanks to Illinois Valley Labor Management) for the command post, where you report in (early) for a fifteen-minute shift. Food and coffee will be available. We will provide the weapons. There is an enclosed shelter /Sentry Post (chairs available), should it be raining or if a veteran is wheelchair bound. The memorial area is handicap accessible.

We encourage you to have your family and/or grandchildren stand with you, for patriotism's sake. The dress code is, to have some form of military bearing (no shorts or flip-flops) and to dress for the weather. If you can still wear your uniform, great; however, e.g., a POW/MIA sweatshirt and/or a Branch of Service cap is acceptable. Extra garrison caps will be available, if one has a need. No alcohol is allowed in the park, by law. We stand, rain or shine. A "Stand-By" team is needed, in case of no-shows. [Jeeps; Bagpipers; Flutes for Vets; w/TALARC Field Day. New this year: Bags Tournement.]

The sign-up sheet is posted at the Legion. You can also call me to sign you in; my number is 815-993-3956. For any more questions, contact info below. Also, we could use chaperones to help assist veterans coming from the area nursing homes, to be pushed over the terrain for a duty time about 9-10:30 am on Sat., or to visit for some conversation and snacks at the camp fire.

Thank you again for your past participation in making this event a great success. I hope we can count on you again this year!

Sincerely yours in service,

John Duback, Committee Chair. Cell: 815.993.3956//Email: "chongofsb@yahoo.com"

.+PSA American Legion Post 33/901 LaSalle Street/Ottawa, IL 61350-2017 Contact: John @ Email: chongofsb@yahoo.comCell: 815-993-3956

For Immediate Release

96 Veteran Volunteers Needed

The 18th Annual 24- Hour Veterans Honor Guard Vigil will be held at the War Memorial in Washington Square, downtown Ottawa. The Opening Ceremony will be on Friday, Nov. 6th at 4:45 PM, when area Submarine Veterans will be the Lead Honor Guard. A brief Closing Ceremony will begin at 5:00 PM on Sat., Nov. 7th.

Ninety-six volunteers are needed for the 15-minute shifts. For questions or to sign up, call John at 815-993-3956, or email at chongofsb@yahoo.com . The main signup sheet is posted at the Ottawa American Legion, 901 LaSalle St. (open 11am weekdays, 10am weekends).

A Command Post tent will be near Columbus & Lafayette Streets, provided by IL Valley Labor Management. Family members/fellow patriots may stand duty with each veteran's shift.Wear weather-appropriate clothing (no shorts or flip-flops). No alcohol is allowed in the park. Courtesy coffee and snacks will be available. Military vehicles will be on display. The War Memorial, Sentry Post Shelter, and portable restroom are all handicapped-accessible. There will be an “Avenue of Flags” on display. The "Tunes of Glory" Bagpipers will play appropriate music on Saturday, 3 to 5 PM. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) will have a Field Day Exercise, where all interested can learn new skills. “Flutes for Vets” will also demonstrate throughout the event.
New this year is a Legion vs. VFW Bags Tournament on Saturday.

The Vigil is held **before** Veterans Day as a reminder to thank all veterans for their service; for veterans to thank our fellow patriots for their support at home and abroad; for us all to honor those who have paid the greatest sacrifice, all, while celebrating our service careers. We point ahead to the Ottawa Memorial Association's Veterans Day Ceremony at 10:15am on Wednesday, November 11th, same location.

Duties are again shared by our area veteran groups and Auxiliaries, and Boy Scout Troop 745. Donated food items are welcomed!

NORTHERN MICHIGAN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

VETERANS RECOGNITION EVENTS

HONORING SERVICE ★ SUPPORTING VETERANS ★ STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

The Northern Michigan All Airborne Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to host our annual Veterans Recognition Events on

Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

We will be visiting local locations, delivering presentations and recognizing our veterans for their service, sacrifice, and lasting contributions to our nation.



INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE OF TRAVERSE CITY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Breakfast
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Ceremony & Discussion

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE OF TRAVERSE CITY
2850 Airport Rd
Traverse City, MI 49686

Join us for breakfast, followed by a ceremony and open discussion as we recognize our veterans. This event will bring veterans together for conversation, camaraderie, and connection while honoring their service and sacrifice. All veterans, families, and community members are welcome!



THE VILLA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

2:00 PM

THE VILLA
2011 Park Dr
Traverse City, MI 49686

We will honor our veterans, including our 100-year-old Paratroopers, with a ceremony and time for fellowship. Veterans, families, and community members are invited to join us for conversation, share stories, and celebrate the courage, dedication, and legacy of our veterans.



KALKASKA VFW POST 8684

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

KALKASKA VFW POST 8684
408 Hyde St
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Join us for an evening of recognition, camaraderie, and community as we honor our veterans. The event will include a ceremony, guest speakers, a presentation by the Young Marines, and a special musical performance by a local vocal group. Veterans, families, and community members are encouraged to attend, connect, and share in the celebration.

GUEST SPEAKERS ★ **YOUNG MARINES** ★ **SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

All veterans and Airborne veterans in the Northern Michigan area are invited to join us!

We welcome veterans, families, friends, and community members to attend, show your support, and help us honor those who have served. Your presence helps keep their legacy alive.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 5–10 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THESE EVENTS.
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:
Dean Amos | 213-835-0608

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INSPIRING OUR FUTURE

82nd BENAVIDEZ PATTERSON

EL PASO, TEXAS CHAPTER

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 7, 2026
AT THE CORNER OF MYRTLE AND CAMPBELL
FOR THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE.

THE PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM AND THE SURROUNDING STREETS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF BY 9:30.

COME EARLY TO SECURE A SEAT ON THE FLOAT.



JOIN US AFTER THE PARADE AT ALL AMERICAN HALL FOR HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS!

ALL AMERICAN HALL
2608 FORT BLVD

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NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Proudly Presents Our Annual

PISTOL PETE'S BBQ FUNDRAISER



Family
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Great BBQ
Classic Cars
Veterans
Community

In Partnership With

HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD AMERICAN LEGION POST 379

ANNUAL CAR SHOW on November 14, 2026



American Legion Post 379
1245 N. Industrial Blvd.
Bedford, TX 76021



Come Hungry & Bring a Friend!

Your support helps our chapter continue its mission of honoring our Airborne heritage, supporting our veterans, and strengthening the bonds of the Airborne family.



AIRBORNE... ALL THE WAY!

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

82nd Airborne Division Association – Badger State Chapter Announces Final Membership Meeting of the Year

King, Wisconsin — The Badger State Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will hold its **final membership meeting of the year** on **Saturday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m.** at the **Wisconsin Veterans Home – King**, a historic and scenic landmark serving Wisconsin's veteran community since **1887**.

Nestled on **42 acres** of rolling green hills and spring-fed lakes, the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King provides long-term skilled nursing care and short-term rehabilitative services to those who have served our nation. The Home's origins trace back to the post-Civil War era, making it one of Wisconsin's most meaningful and enduring tributes to military service.

The Badger State Chapter welcomes **all Airborne Troopers**, past and present, to attend this important year-end meeting. **Visitors and guests** are also encouraged to join if they are in the area.

To ensure broad participation, the meeting will also be available via **ZOOM**. Those wishing to attend virtually may request a link by emailing:
badgerstate@82ndairborneassociation.org

About the Wisconsin Veterans Home – King

Established in 1887, the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is a one-of-a-kind community located on Rainbow Lake. Its professional care, rehabilitative services, and serene natural setting make it a cornerstone of veteran support in the state.

About the 82nd Airborne Division Association – Badger State Chapter

The Badger State Chapter proudly represents Airborne Troopers across Wisconsin, supporting camaraderie, tradition, and service to fellow Veterans. The Chapter remains committed to honoring Airborne heritage while advancing programs that benefit injured and recovering Veterans.

Contact

Badger State Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association Email:
badgerstate@82ndairborneassociation.org

82nd Airborne Division Association
2025 All American Of The Year

Richard G. Becker Sr.



The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to recognize Richard "Rich" G. Becker Sr. as the 2025 All American of the Year. Rich's lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and the Airborne community embodies the values and traditions of the All Americans.

Rich completed Airborne training while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division before transferring to the 11th Airborne Division, where he served with the 187th Rakkasans for the remainder of his active duty career. Following his military service, he devoted 26 years to education as a teacher and administrator in New York's public school system, and 10 years as a lecturer and athletic director at Vassar College. Throughout his life, Rich has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving others, both in and out of uniform.

Since joining the 82nd Airborne Division Association in 1994, Rich has become one of the organization's most respected leaders. He has served as National President, National Director, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, and Master of Ceremonies for numerous National Convention banquets. His leadership and dedication have also supported the Association's Wounded Warrior Program, Education Fund, C-47 Club, and many other initiatives that strengthen our mission and membership.

Beyond the offices he has held, Rich is known for his humility, generosity, and willingness to mentor others. He has devoted countless hours to supporting veterans, encouraging today's active-duty Paratroopers, and preserving the proud history and traditions of the Airborne community. His steady leadership and genuine care for others have earned him the respect and admiration of fellow Association members across the country.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is honored to recognize Richard "Rich" Becker for a lifetime of selfless service, outstanding leadership, and his enduring commitment to the Airborne Brotherhood. His example continues to inspire generations of All Americans, making him a truly deserving recipient of the 2025 All American of the Year Award.

82nd Airborne Division Association
2026 All American Of The Year

Steven P. Copening



The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to recognize Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Steven P. Copening as the 2026 All American of the Year. Through decades of military service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the Airborne community, Steve has exemplified what it means to live a life of selfless service.

Steve served for 15 years as a Paratrooper and Jumpmaster with the 82nd Airborne Division. During his military career, he participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama and deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. His service and leadership earned him the respect of those who served alongside him and laid the foundation for a lifetime of continued commitment to his fellow veterans.

Following his active-duty service, Steve remained deeply involved with the 82nd Airborne Division Association, serving in numerous leadership positions over the years. He has served as National Director, National President, National Treasurer, Treasurer of the National Education Fund, an officer of the 504th Parachute Infantry Association, and a member of the National Convention Planning Committee. His dedication has strengthened the Association and helped ensure its continued success for generations of All Americans.

Those who know Steve understand that his greatest contribution is not measured by the offices he has held, but by the countless hours he gives in support of others. He has invested an extraordinary amount of his personal time, energy, and resources to serve the Association, always placing its members and mission before himself. His leadership, integrity, and willingness to step forward whenever needed have earned the admiration and respect of Paratroopers throughout the Association.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is honored to recognize Steven P. Copening for his outstanding leadership, devoted service, and lasting commitment to preserving the legacy of the All Americans. His dedication continues to inspire those who follow in his footsteps, making him a truly deserving recipient of the 2026 All American of the Year Award.

82nd Airborne Division Association
Chapter Of The Year



Texas Lone Star Chapter

The Texas Lone Star Chapter is proud to be the oldest chartered chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association in the State of Texas. The chapter was organized in 1975 when Carroll Sylvester contacted the National Office about starting a chapter in Houston. He was introduced to Bill St. Claire, who had recently moved to Houston after organizing the Denver Chapter. Together they established the Texas Lone Star Chapter, which received its official charter at the 1976 National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. As the first chapter in Texas, the Lone Star Chapter helped other chapters get started by sharing membership information and supporting their growth throughout the state.

Today, nearly 50 years later, the Texas Lone Star Chapter continues to live by the values of the 82nd Airborne Division Association through service, fellowship, and support for veterans and their communities. During the past year, chapter members proudly participated in the 2025 National Convention in Knoxville, Tennessee, purchased full-page ads in both the 2025 and 2026 Convention Ad Books, and sent delegates to represent the chapter. In 2026, the Lone Star Chapter is honored to host the 80th National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Their members remain active throughout the year by supporting their community and fellow veterans. The chapter participated in a local food drive, assembled furniture for a women's shelter, volunteered with the USO at the Military Entrance Processing Station and Hobby Airport, supported Second Mile Ministry, attended Memorial Day services and Wreaths Across America at Houston National Cemetery, and welcomed members of the South Texas Chapter into the Texas Lone Star Chapter.

The chapter also believes in giving back to organizations that support veterans and preserve the Airborne heritage. During the past year, the chapter donated more than $7,000 to organizations including Camp Hope, the 82nd Airborne Division Association, the Wounded Warrior Fund, the Education Fund, Lighthouse Charity Team, Irreverent Warriors, the All-Airborne Battalion, the 325th AIR Memorial, and All American Land Base Shark Fishing. These contributions help support veterans, military families, first responders, and organizations that continue to make a difference in their communities.

The 2026 Chapter of the Year award is a reflection of the dedication of every member of the Texas Lone Star Chapter. The chapter is honored to receive this recognition and remains committed to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division while continuing to serve fellow paratroopers, veterans, and communities.



The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial
Washington D.C.
www.ndswm.org

The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.
On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

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

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.
In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.
In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-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.



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.

BADGER STATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Badger State Chapter Presents $5,000 Donation to Patriot K9s of Wisconsin

Wausau, WI — August 31, 2026 — The Badger State Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association proudly presented a donation check for $5,000 to Patriot K9s of Wisconsin, an organization dedicated to training service dogs for Veterans living with PTSD, mobility challenges, and other servicerelated disabilities.

The check was presented by Roy Yenchesky and Tom Polzin on behalf of the Badger State Chapter. Accepting the donation was Lani Rethaber, Executive Director of Patriot K9s of Wisconsin.

Patriot K9s of Wisconsin provides comprehensive training programs that pair Veterans with highly trained service dogs, helping them regain independence, confidence, and emotional stability. The organization also offers education, community outreach, and ongoing support to ensure longterm success for both the Veteran and the service dog team. Their mission directly aligns with the Badger State Chapter's commitment to supporting injured Veterans and strengthening the Veteran community across Wisconsin.



The Badger State Chapter is honored to support an organization whose work has such a meaningful impact on the lives of Veterans and their families.
For more information about Patriot K9s of Wisconsin, visit their website or follow their community initiatives on social media.

Contact: Badger State Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association Golf Outing & Community Support Programs, Roy Yenchesky, Chairperson 3162144234 wichitaroy@hotmail.com

SWAAC

We ended the summer with back-to-back fund raisers! We have our annual car show the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend and were once again blessed with sunshine and moderate temperatures! Chaplain Gary Beltoya channeled General Patton's Chaplain for the appropriate weather prayer!

While our flyer stated that we open at 8AM, we once again were met with cars waiting for us when we arrived on site at 6 AM! Thankfully we had members of the "Kenosha Legends" car club who were assisting us by running the gate and the parking the cars as they arrived. They also passed out a hundred "goody bags" to the first cars on site. The "goody bags" are amazing with all sorts of car products along with a bag of caramel corn which was donated by a veteran of the 82nd who now runs a candy and nut shop at one of our local malls. Being Wisconsin, one of our cheese producers also donated a hundred bricks of cheese which we gave out to the second hundred cars that came through the gate!

We averaged over 400 cars, trucks and motorcycles this year dating from 1919 to last year's Lamborghini! A tow truck came and hoisted the Stars and Stripes for the event. Our Severely Wounded Warrior this year was Corporal Sue Crutchfield. She was on escort duty in Iraq when an IED took out her HUMV. While she was manning the turret MG, she was blown up and out, which saved her life, however she lost both of her legs. Her crew members were not as lucky.

Sue arrived with an escort of 30 Legion Rider's! While I introduced her, I also tasked her with riding out into the field to select the car that she feels is the best car at the show. We always have a noon time ceremony with the Boy Scouts presenting the colors and the singing of the National Anthem. Corporal Crutchfield then presented that car owner with our Wounded Warrior Trophy. For the first time in 23 years. Sue selected the same car that was judged to be the "Best in Show" by the certified judges! Sue shared her individual story with the crowd along with the story of her recovery at Walter Reed.

Naturally the Chapter manned the tables to sell the 50/50 tickets, regular raffle tickets and of course special tickets for the Jay Mattingly Bourbon for honoring Combat Medics. The fine folks at Data Financial also donated some rather expensive bourbon for us to raffle off. Along with car care products and autographed prints from the Normandy Jump, we had quite the variety to offer eager raffle fans!

A couple of volunteers from the Chicago Chapter came up to help us out with the raffles and observe what we do to raise money for the wounded. Chaplain Gary and his wife Maryann held down the 50/50 table but sadly for the last time as Gary has decided to retire from tee chapter. As he approaches 80 years, he can be proud of his service to our country (two tours in Vietnam) and he was a found member of the Chapter back in the 90's. He and his wife will be missed!

We held the Car Show on Saturday and quickly followed it up with a Golf Outing on 9/11! This event was totally organized on our behalf by the Garber family who ran the event last year. Chapter member Dan Boring reached out and found another Wounded Warrior that we didn't reach at Walter Reed while he was recuperating there. Marine SGT Gabe Martinez also lost both of his legs to an IED explosion in Afghanistan while out on patrol as a Marine Sapper. While Gabe doesn't golf, he ensured that he visited with every foursome on the course. He even got involved with shooting the golf ball cannon trying to get as close to the hole as possible for a prize! I continue to be struck by the positive attitudes of these severely wounded warriors as do the participants at our fund raiser's!

Gabe is another force to be reconned with. He detailed his injuries and recovery, but really impressed the golfers by describing the work he does for Homeland Security with tracking down child predators and trafficker's while at the same time raising a family on a ranch in Colorado!

As with the Car Show, the Golf Outing was a total success with fun had by all and a great meal after the outing was over.

Next up is our Veteran's Day Dance!! We have done St. Pat's dances in the past, but with the aid of the local group "Yesterday's Children", we are going to see how this works out! Our dances have always been a hit with the local area.

If any of you other Chapter's know of severely wounded in your area, please let us know!









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DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Robert Burkhart	GF Donation	$100.00
Scott Berger	GF Donation In Memory of Peter R. Perrozi	$100.00
Antoinette Rodriguez	GF Donation In Memory of Thomas Guarrasi	$25.00
Richard Becker	GF Donation In Memory of Past President Tom Graham	$82.00
Tyrone Chapman	GF Donation - Reoccuring In Memory of Evelyn Sullivan	$10.00
Henry Payan	GF Donation	$10.00
Jay DeWitt	GF Donation	$25.00
Richard Becker	GF Donation in Honor of Steve Copening	$82.00
Richard Becker	GF Donation in Honor of Bill Bauer	$82.00
Ronald Rath	GF Donation	$100.00
KY - Kentucky Airborne Chapter	GF Doantion	$3,000.00
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Sherlyn Garcia	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$5.00
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Alfredo Hernandez	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$10.00
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Christopher Rodriguez	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$10.00
Myron Wade	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$10.00
Anonymous	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$50.00
Edwin Munozlamos	GF In Support of 9/11 Run, Ruck, Walk to Remember	$10.00
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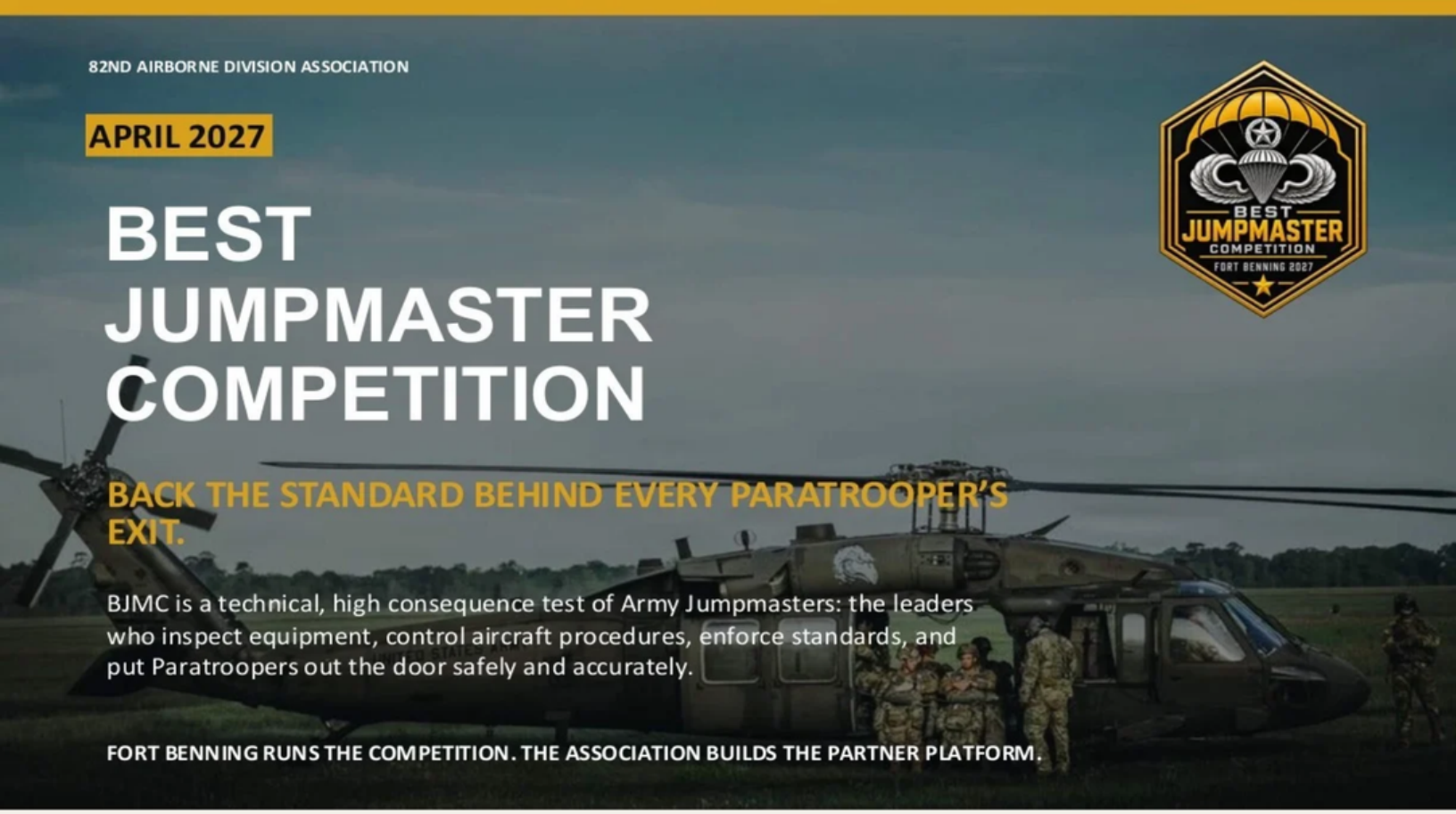
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KENTUCKY AIRBORNE CHAPTER
2027 KENTUCKY AIRBORNE REUNION
Lexington, KY 25-27 Feb 2027

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SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY: Hospitality Room 1300 till Closing.
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REGISTRATION

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OR

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OR

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Saturday
17 April
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In addition, any remaining donations will be used to support other endeavors throughout the year that benefit our Troopers and their Families — ensuring your support has a lasting impact beyond the holiday season. *Every donation, large or small, helps us bring comfort, care, and a sense of home to those who serve. Please consider donating during the GivingTuesday Campaign window (Nov 23-Dec 1) Your gift will be amplified, thanks to Cumberland County Community Foundation and Partners. Please contact us for more information.*

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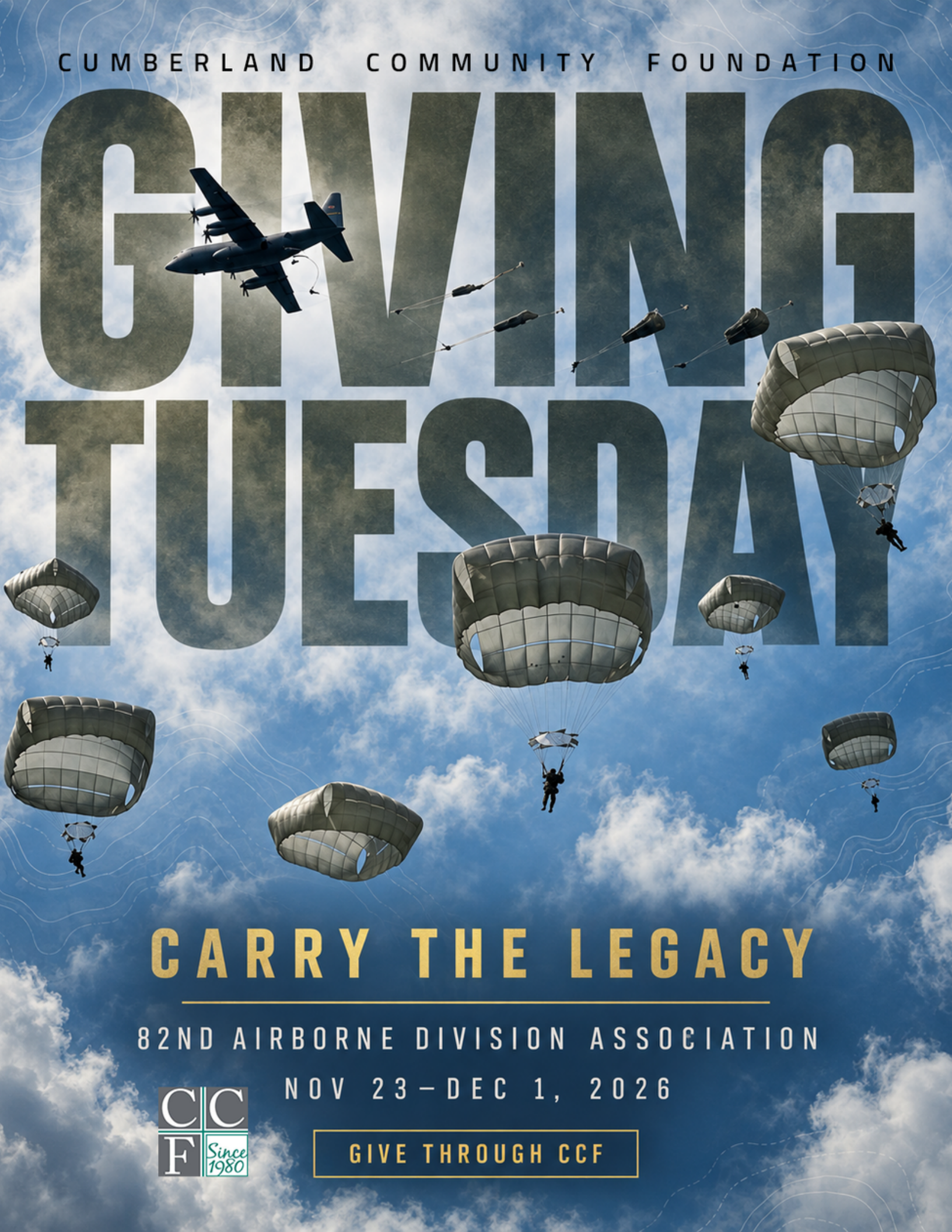
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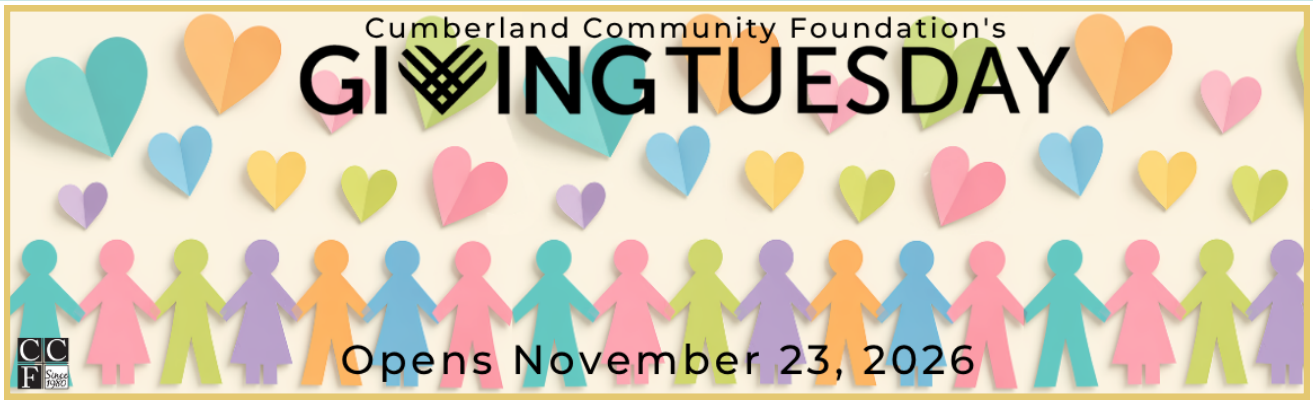
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GIVE THROUGH CCF



All Americans. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Giving Tuesday is coming! Between 9:00 a.m. on November 23rd and 11:59 p.m. on December 1st, 2026, your gift to the 82nd Airborne Division Association will go even further thanks to enhanced matching contributions from generous community donors. If you normally donate toward holiday meals for our Paratroopers, this is a chance to make that support go further. We are participating in Cumberland Community Foundation's GivingTuesday campaign, with $550,000 in matching funds from generous donors available across participating nonprofits. Your donation supports more than a holiday meal. It helps fund meals, programs, and other initiatives that support the Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Same mission. More ground covered. Get the dates on your calendar. Send this to your Airborne buddies. More details coming soon. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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There are many ways to give through the GivingTuesday campaign. See a complete list below:

Give Online: Donate online at www.cumberlandcf.org. Click on the GivingTuesday banner on the homepage. Then, click "Donate Now." Once on the donation portal, click on your favorite charitable organizations to make a donation. The donation portal will be open from November 23 at 9 a.m. through December 1 at 11:59 p.m.

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Please make your check payable to Cumberland Community Foundation with **"GivingTuesday – [org name]"** noted in the check's memo line. If your list is long, please attach a list.

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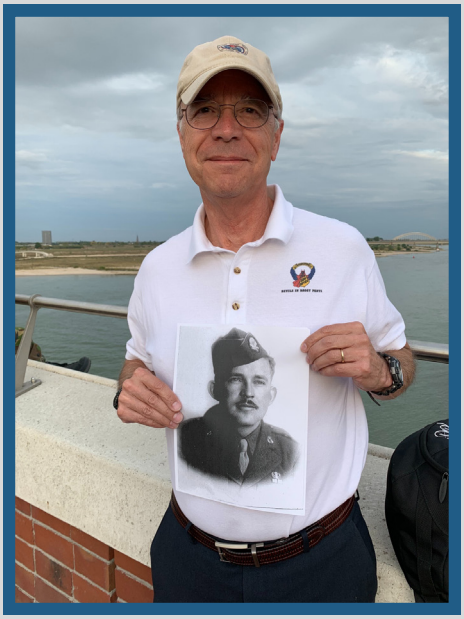
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In republishing his relative's incredible tale it is Fraley's hope to honor both story and storyteller.

Those Devils in Baggy Pants invites readers to join the C Company of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment 82nd Airborne Division. Within Carter's WWII memoir is a love story unlike any other- one that depicts the unparalleled affection between comrades.

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This is a true story set in the late 1960s at the height of the Vietnam War. twenty-year-old Tom Becker is drafted into the army and applies for extra schooling including Sergeant school and Airborne school in order to put off the inevitable of going to Vietnam. After a year of training, he arrives in Vietnam as a sergeant near the end of the 1968 Tet Offensive and becomes part of the infamous 82nd Airborne Division.

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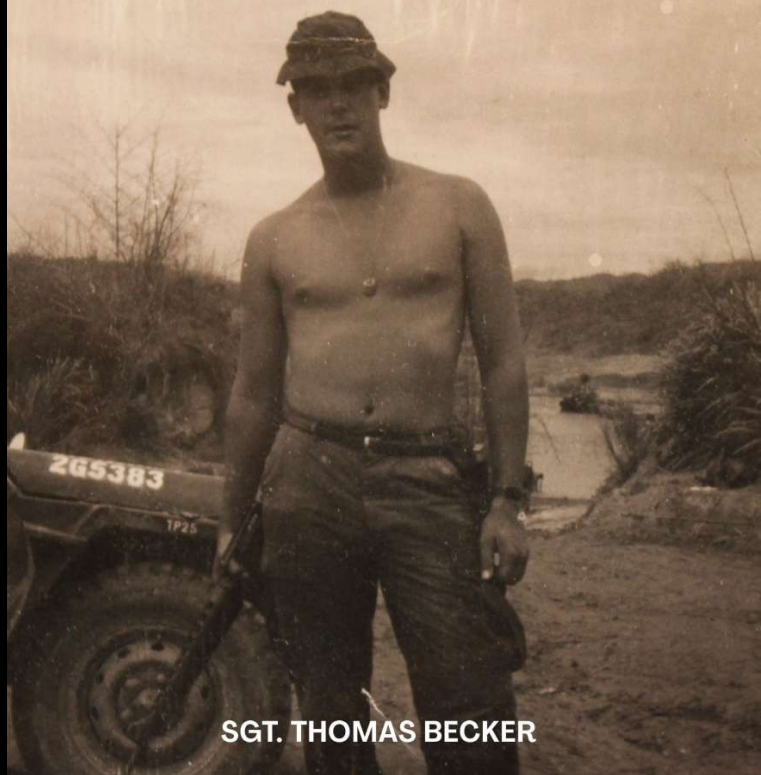
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ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2027
May 24-27, 2027
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

AAW Information

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 $175 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 $190 per attendee after May 1, 2027.

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.

Online Registration will open December 10, 2026, pending the Association's new website launch. Alternatively, you can mail in your registration to:

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





Standard Room Rates are **$105 per night (plus tax)** for **registered Association members** at the **Landmark Inn**. This rate is available **May 23 - May 28.** Please note that the reservation cutoff date is **May 9, 2027**. 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 24, 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 24. Time & Location TBD.**

***The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, May 26, at Landmark Inn.**

***The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, May 27, at the Iron Mike Conference Center. The dress code for the Banquet is Coat and Tie/Evening Attire.**
Extra banquet tickets can be purchased online. Active Duty $45 per person & for Veterans/Civilians $60 per person

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

More Information To Come! - Schedule is Subject to Change!

****To guarantee a T-shirt, please complete your registration by May 1, 2027!***

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
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AAW Information

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 82nd ABN DIV in (Please Circle)	WWII Dom Rep Vietnam Grenada Panama Persian Gulf GWOT		

Registration Fee is $175 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, T-Shirt*, Banquet*, AAW Event Shuttle, and More).
Registration Fee will increase to $190 per person after May 1, 2027.

Number of Registered Attendees		X	$175 Each	=	$
Number of Challenge Coins		X	$20 Each	=	$
To guarantee a T-shirt, please complete your registration by May 1, 2027!				Total:	$

Please Circle T-Shirt Size	Guest 1	Guest 2	Guest 3	Guest 4
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Standard Rooms Available for $105 per Night (plus tax)
The hotel reservation cutoff date is **May 9, 2027**. 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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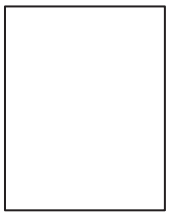
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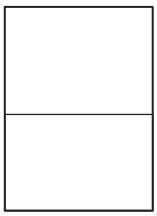
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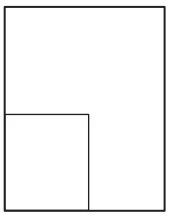
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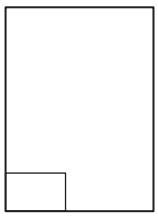
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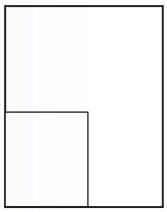
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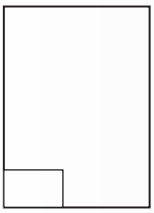
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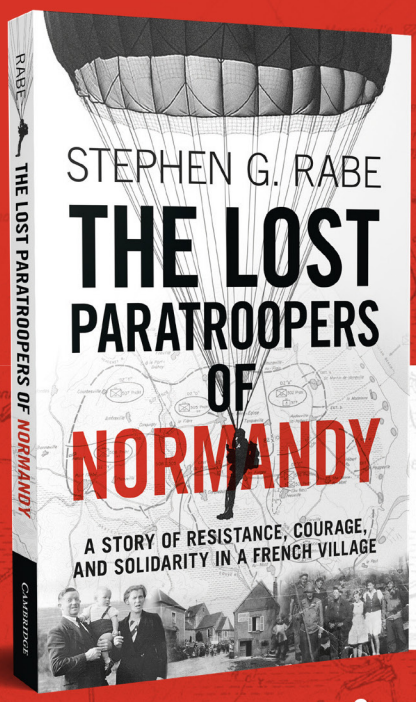
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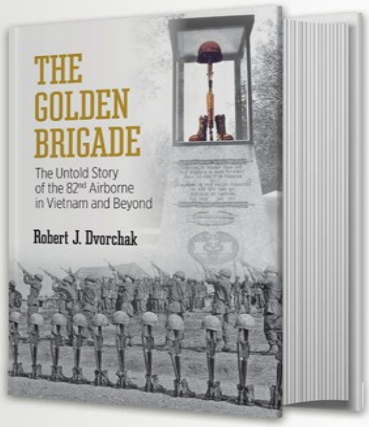
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A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

Scholarship Application for the School Year Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2027

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications MUST be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than *October 15, 2027.* Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund

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

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

.

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code_____

Email_____ (*No email address will restrict your access to information*.)

Chapter Preference_____

Phone (home)_____ (cell)_____

SSN (*last four only*)/ASN_____ Date of Birth_____

Occupation_____ Spouse_____

Please check one:____ Annual Membership $35.00 or ____ All American Member $350 or ____70+ years All American Member $82

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

Signature_____ Date_____

MILITARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/UPDATE
82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please print legibly!

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FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames):_____

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ADDRESS (HOME OF RECORD):

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LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)

CURRENT UNIT :_____ FROM MO/YR:_____

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

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LIFE MEMBERS: Receive a membership card and Certificate, are eligible to attend the August National Convention for life and are eligible for dependent children to receive College Scholarship Grants for up to 4 years.

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

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 July 2023)

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

1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	$15.00	$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	$5.04	$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	$15.00	
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82nd Airborne Division Association	**Annual**	**All American**
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Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
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Current 82nd Airborne Division Association Card # _____ 82nd Association Chapter _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____

Dates Assigned/ Attached to the 1st BCT/504th PIR From (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ To (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Unit _____ Rank _____ SSN _____ (last 4 only)

Current Occupation _____ Telephone _____

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Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn. Annual Dues: _____ Lifetime Dues: _____

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Make check/money order payable to the **1st BCT/504th PIR Association, Inc.** and mail to:
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Pinehurst, NC 28374
If you are also joining the 82nd Association, please send a *separate* check/money order for that membership payable to the **82nd Airborne Division Association.**

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

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the following Officers: Association Secretary - 504th.PIR.Association.Secretary@gmail.com

Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

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

Golden Brigade

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry
505th Regimental Combat Team
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Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
508 Regimental Combat Team

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Unit assigned to _____ From _____ To _____

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Currently a member of (check those that apply):

505th RCT Association___
Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association___
None of the above___
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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

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

Name: _____ Amount: _____

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

Note: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help. If you are interested please contact the following for details.
Gary Rezabek,President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872

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

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

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

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

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

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

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

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

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

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.

HONORING OUR FALLEN

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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



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

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

All donations to the project are tax deductible.
Those making a donation of $82 or more will receive a certificate from the Memorial Association

Use the form below and mail your donation to:

82d Airborne Division Memorial Association, P.O. Box 43359, Fayetteville, NC 28309-3359

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Donation Amount _____

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 an d friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

Raymond G. Melendez, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 97, passed away on June 6th, 2026. He is survived by his children: sons, Tony and Danny; loving daughter, Tammy. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patsy Marine; his parents, Refugio and Isabella. Ray proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years, retiring with the rank of First Sergeant. He served with 504 PIR, 319 FAR, 82nd ABN DIV.

Bob VandeLinde, a member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, 95, passed away on September 15th, 2025, surrounded by family. He is survived by two sons, Terry and Marty; nine grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of more than 65 years, Jean Ella; his parents, Denny and Mable Mae; and his brother, Denny. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and served in the Korean War with K Company, the 187th ARCT, and the 82nd Airborne.

William "Bill" H. Kuhnke Jr., a member of the Badger State All Airborne Chapter, 91, passed away on August 17th, 2026. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helga; his children, Elizabeth, Bill, and Loralee; his sisters, Rose, Betty, and Carol; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, William and Elinor; his siblings, Roger, Ronald, Shirley, John, Donald, Pat, Dian, Lucy, and Louis. While serving in the U.S Army, Bill earned many titles and worked in many types of stations, including the Cavalry, Airborne, and earned the rank of Sergeant. Bill was very proud to have earned the title Master Paratrooper and attended Mountain Climbing School in Japan. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran. He served with 504th PIR, 503rd PIR, 82nd ABN DIV, 1st CAV.

David Lee Barney, a member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, 85, passed away on October 11th, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Peggy Lee; his son Jason; brother, Donnis; nieces, Crystal and Jennifer; two great-nephews; three great-nieces; and one grand dog, Bella. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jule and Maxine. David proudly served his country and was a paratrooper. He served with C Co 1-187 Inf 3rd Army.

Anthony "Tony" Curtis Sloan, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, 74, passed away on August 11, 2026. He is survived by his daughter, Jenny; sisters, Gloria and Cindy; his "Ma" Hazel; grandchildren, Courtney, Harley, and Luke; great-grandchildren, Hestia and Ermes; special cousin, Johnny, and niece, Amanda. He is preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Virginia; his son, Anthony Jr.; brother, Phillip; bonus dad, Paul; and brothers-in-law, Ricky and Charlie. Tony was deeply proud of his military service and the opportunity he had to serve his country. His service was an important part of who he was, and he carried that pride throughout his life. He served with A/1-325 AIR.

Carl Edward "Bill" Slaven, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, 97, passed away on September 22nd, 2026. He is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Mary Denise; two daughters, Connie and Vivian; two sons, Walter and Bobby; ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, five brothers, four sisters, two sons-in-law, and two of his grandchildren. Bill was a Korean War Veteran and served as an 82nd Paratrooper.



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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 Airborne tab.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

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

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

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

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

2016-2025 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 Marksmen Hockey Game for a night of camaraderie and fun.

BENEFITS

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

- Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 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
Spring /March 30 /April 30
Summer / June 30 / July 30
Fall / September 30 / October 30