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- 1. 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The National Convention is approaching fast and you won't want to miss it. Louisville is a fantastic city with an enormous amount of activities for everyone, including family members, and you'll get another chance to see the 82nd Airborne Division in action as they conduct a training exercise jumping into Kentucky. Registrations continue to be received for the 70th National Convention, August 10-13, 2016 in Louisville, KY. The Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport will host the Convention. The hotel room rate is \$99.82 per night, including tax. This rate is good from 7 August 2016 through 17 August 2016. To make hotel reservations call 888-233-9527 and request the 82nd Airborne Division when calling. Please call ONLY this number when making reservations or go online to <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14216594/owner/2812/home>. POC is Joe Steen (502) 937-8234 or kyairbornechapter@yahoo.com. The registration form is attached to the March/April 2016 Bulletin and is available on our website under Events www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.

Remember to send your Delegate hotel registrations and payments to the Kentucky Chapter and the Delegate forms to the National Office.

- 2. 70th CONVENTION BOOK AD AND SPECIFICATIONS RATE PAGE:** Included in the Spring 2016 Paraglide and also posted online, is the 70th Convention Book Ad and Specifications Rate page. This allows Chapters, Members and businesses the opportunity to support the Association. The Deadline for submission is **20 June 2016**.
- 3. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2016:** After weeks of hard work, All American Week has come and gone and was a huge success!! Old friends reunited and new friends were welcomed and made. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it the success that it was. The weather was perfect and the JOAC/Review at Sicily Drop Zone was a spectacular event and enjoyed by everyone who attended and participated. The Veteran's review was a great event, and we were fortunate to have several of our WW II Veterans join us. We have a survey going out to those who attended (and have provided an email) and we hope to hear what Members liked and how we can make it even better next year. Thank you to the Chapters and individuals that donated baskets for our auction. The auction was, again, a great success. The turnout was great!! Be ready to attend next year's AAW as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division!
- 4. COORS SPONSORSHIP:** This past All American Week a local COORS distributor, Healey Wholesale Co., Inc., generously sponsored the Association hospitality room and the Fayetteville picnic and dinner. COORS has sponsored the Convention and AAW since 1987. Please show our appreciation by purchasing and enjoying COORS products throughout the year at your Chapter events. Reach out to your local vendors.

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5. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson. Changes are *due 29 July 2016*.
 - b. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 July 2016*.

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne Division Commander will appoint the Division Department of Defense Liaison. This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be leaving office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination for a second 2-year term):

*Steve Copenig	*Justin Holmes	*Larry Slavicek
*Joe Steen	Randy Glancy	Michael Briseno

6. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**

- a. On 31 May, farewell was said to the Division Chaplain, LTC Brad Baumann and the incoming Chaplain, LTC James Griffin was welcomed. Congratulations to LTC Griffin and best wishes to LTC Baumann on his next assignment.
- b. On 29 May, Paratroopers from across Division showed the fans at the CocaCola 600 how awesome the 82nd is! Our men and women participated in pre-race activities including the Blackhawk and fast-rope demonstration with the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82ND/Pages/default.aspx> to find out more about these articles and what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision/?fref=ts> .

7. **E-NEWS BULLETIN:** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by MultiView and updated weekly, to find out more about what is going on within the Division by going to the Association's webpage 'What's New'. We will also now be posting Association Articles and information on this site, too include our monthly bulletin, in an effort to reach more members with information about the Association. No purchase is necessary! Please support the Association by subscribing today!
8. **ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** One of the biggest benefits of being a LIFE member of the Association is the availability for Members and dependents who meet the following criteria to receive scholarships:
- a. Dependents of Association LIFE members or Former 82nd Paratroopers with 2 or less enlistments.
 - b. Former 82nd Paratroopers *must* apply within 2 years of discharge and be a LIFE member.

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- c. Must be enrolled in a Baccalaureate program at an accredited College or University.
- d. Applications must be completed and submitted annually.

Applications and additional information are available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 29304-7482. This information is also listed on the bottom of the application. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2016!

When making donations to the Education Fund, remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the same address as the applications.

- 9. **SUMMER PARAGLIDE**: The deadline for submissions to the Summer 2015 Paraglide is June 30, 2015. Please be sure to send your submissions to Holmesteads at: paraglide@holmesteads.com. All submissions should be digitized.
- 10. **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**: The deadline for membership to count toward the Chapter Convention Award is 1 July 2016. This allows National time to process membership of all Chapters and then complete the membership certificates and order the necessary awards for Convention presentation in Orlando, FL.
- 11. **ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION UPDATE**: The paperwork for our 501(c)19 request has been sent to the IRS and we are hoping to hear something back from them soon. This will be a fantastic step forward for the Association and will benefit all the Chapters.
- 12. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND**: The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, our current financial problems would be solved and we would better be able to support the 82nd Airborne Division needs and the Airborne community. We are our proud community of current and Veteran Troopers and look forward to providing the best support possible to the needs of our 82nd Troopers. Please help us to help them. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website. Thank you for your support.
- 13. **WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS**: Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association's Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were be used bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and will bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Abn Div Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 14. **ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS**: Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the [Events](#) link

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www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. Remember, all Chapter events can be listed here in the bulletin and on our website. Let us help you to get the word out.

- a. 54th All Ohio Days, 6-8 October 2016 is at Miamisburg, OH and is hosted by the GEN M B Ridgway Chapter. POC is Treasurer Dan Lee 859-371-1001. The host hotel is Double Tree Suites 937-531-5004.

Please be sure to notify National of upcoming events so that we can let our Membership know!

- 15. ONLINE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The Association's website will soon have the ability for Chapters to submit all their membership forms via the online membership page, and the ability to pay online through PayPal or send in a check through the mail. Any applications received online will not be completed until payment has arrived at the National Office. We are working out the details to ensure the process will be as smooth and painless as possible, and we will send out an email to all the Chapters on how it will work once it is completed. Chapters can still send memberships through the mail if they wish, but this will allow Chapters who wish to submit online the ability to do so.
- 16. 2nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Please continue to promote our second Annual 50/50 raffle so that we can make it even more successful than last year's raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2016 during the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 70th National Convention. Tickets can be found on our website and in the Paraglide. You do not have to be present to win so send in those tickets.
- 17. FACEBOOK PAGE:** 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association. We have no affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association's name!* You will not see a lot of advertising on our Facebook page, nor do we allow profanity or bad conduct. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members on this page, and will post more Association photos of things going on at the National office, and within the 82nd Airborne Division! If you want good information about what's going on in our Association this is the place to find it. Hope to see you there.
- 18. THANK YOU:** I want to thank all the Members who attended this year's AAW and helped to make it the huge success it was. We enjoyed seeing all our Veteran friends and sharing all the spectacular events the Division planned for us. Thank you for all the great ideas you passed to us and the fun of sharing stories with you. You are a great bunch of people and we always enjoy your company.

Also, thank you again to all the Chapters for working so hard to make our Association the great organization it is. I hope together we can make it an even better organization that truly makes a difference to our Active Duty Troopers, Wounded Warriors, and all their Families. AATW!

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President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish every Father out there a Happy Father's Day. Please remember to thank all Fathers for all that they do.

In addition, we ask that you continue to remember our Armed Forces, especially those deployed in harm's way, and our recovering Wounded Warrior. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom. Enjoy your summer, and I hope to see you at the Convention. Airborne, All The Way!

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

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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