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- (LAST CHANCE-WE ONLY HAVE ROOM FOR ONE MORE) REQUEST FOR NAMES OF 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO CAN AND WANT TO TRAVEL:** We have secured the funding for our WW II Veterans to attend the 75th Anniversary of D-Day Ceremony in Normandy, France, and one of them is not going to be able to make it so we have room for one more. We must receive the name by 10 Apr 2019 to make it happen. It will be a first come first serve basis, so please get the name to us quickly. Please let us know by phone at (910)223-1182 or by email at execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. Thank you for your assistance.
- USAA CASTING CALL:** USAA is looking for members of our Association to see if they would be interested in being part of a USAA insurance commercial. USAA is casting members for a new auto insurance TV commercial! If you are a veteran age 45+ and have a unique story of your interaction with USAA, please email InfoGathering@R2Cgroup.com. Include your contact info, military branch/rank, which USAA products you have, and a brief summary of your experience with USAA.
- 2019 CONVENTION:** The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is being hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Operation Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, and will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The web link is: <https://bit.ly/2RPAa1r> The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is also available on our website under "Events". The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.

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4. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. Registration for AAW 2019 is open. This event is booking up quickly. Get your reservations NOW. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under “Events”. **If you have not registered with the hotel for a room you need to do so quickly or you may be out of luck. They are almost all booked up. Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for a regular room and \$78+ tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available or given a different price.** Registration for AAW 2019 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in registration which is located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110. If you have already registered, and supplied your email address, you will be receiving an email confirmation of your registration with a draft of the AAW schedule and any updates we have. We will continue to update you until the event begins.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will again be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine, to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket. *Please notify National of your Chapter’s participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

5. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2019:

- a. Funding of WW II Veterans to 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy (This project has been fully funded through Corporate Donations)
- b. Funding of WW II Veterans at 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC (we will need to accomplish this project through corporate and individual donations).
- c. All American Adventure sending 20 82nd Troopers for 4-day trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment (This project event has been fully funded. We are only needing to secure funding for transportation through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
- d. Holiday Troop Support provides 1000 meals to Troopers and their Families (will be accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
- e. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year (will be accomplished through corporate donations).
- f. Free tracked wheelchair for an 82nd Veteran with catastrophic injuries incurred in combat post 9/11 (this projected has been fully funded through organization donation).
- g. Support for 82nd Airborne Division Memorial during AAW by providing wreath layers and drinks for the event. This year we have the honor of supplying and laying a wreath for the 25th Anniversary of the Pope Airbase Disaster. (Project has been fully funded).

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h. This summer our Division will again be deploying Troopers to Afghanistan and the Association will be looking for ways to support them during their deployment.

6. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** As you can see the Association is working on numerous projects to better the lives of our Active Duty and Veteran Members, and our fund raising through corporate donations is going well, but we still need the support of our Local Chapters and Association Members to complete the funding on all projects and to help sponsor other projects for our Active Duty and Veteran Members. Help your Association in our efforts to continue to serve our Airborne Family by donating to the Association General Fund. Every little bit helps. We need your support for projects and to help the Association grow as we take on more projects in support of our Airborne Community. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association's Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW 2019 AND 2019 CONVENTION:** *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter's concerns addressed at the Delegates' meeting, you must send in your Chapter delegate certification form.* Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2019 and the Convention by 26 July 2019. A sample Delegate Certification form can be found on our website: Quick Links / Forms & Resources / Chapter Continuity

As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues to be addressed at AAW, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2019. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

8. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2019, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws. By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>

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Nominations should include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee. Please include the nominee's qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

Completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

Laurie Clay

*Richard Becker

Steve Holcomb

*Garfield Lyons

Gary Covey

Jose Perez-Ortiz

9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS**: When your Chapter elects new Officers please notify the National Office so that we can update our records. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer (EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES) to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
10. **2018 & 2019 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES' REPORTS**: Per the Association By-Laws, "a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter" throughout the 2018 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2019 should have arrived at the National Headquarters by 15 March, 2019. If you have not submitted your reports please do so ASAP. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. *These reports are not optional and are required annually to stay in compliance with the IRS.*
11. **2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: 2018 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January 2019. *If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman. Statements were due to us by 10 April 2019.* If you have not submitted your financial statements, you risk causing additional costs to the Association for late filings. Please help us to complete our annual tax filing. The Association incurs all of the cost of filing the Chapter tax forms and we only need for you to get them turned in. Late submissions may incur a cost to the Chapter for filing.
12. **USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP**: Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. Chapter forms do not always relay the correct information and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of January 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.

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- 13. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the Quick Links / Forms & Resources folder on our website to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter continuity and Chapter startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.
- 14. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Chapter Activities Report - 15 Mar 2019. (PAST DUE)
 - b. Financial reports - 10 Apr 2019. (DUE NOW)
 - c. Requests for Delegates at AAW 2019 - 1 May 2019.
 - d. 82d All American of the Year - Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *2 May 2019* to Chairman/Director Ed Herlihy. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Herlihy.
 - e. National Director Nominations - 1 Jun 2019
 - f. Convention Agenda - Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board's review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 July 2019*.
 - g. 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 *1 Jul 2019*.
 - h. Communication & Public Relations Award Program - Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2018* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
 - i. Requests for Delegates at Convention 2109 - 26 Jul 2019.
- 15. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the silk on the front. It's a very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
- 16. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
- 17. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin:

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<http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>

18. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS: *Support our Chapters.* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and/or on the Association's website at the following link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.

- a. 57th Annual All Ohio Days, 11-13 October 2019 in Lockburne, Ohio is hosted by the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Andrew Ritter at 937-570-5603 or Tom Simmons at 910-987-7467. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus at Sciota Downs in Lockburne, reservations 614-491-3800.
- b. Hilton Head Weekend, 19-22 October 2019 in Hilton Head, South Carolina is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/HHI All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Eberle at 843-682-4171; email - airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. HOTEL RESERVATIONS 888-511-5086, <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>

19. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.

20. 5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Let's make our 5th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73rd National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

21. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>. ***This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association. We have no affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association's name!*** We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses want to wish everyone a Happy Easter Holiday!

We want to thank all our Members for their service and their support in the success of their Chapters and the National Association. It will take a combined effort of us all to insure the success of our Association. Please, always remember our

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deployed Troopers and their Families. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they stand in harm's way to protect our Nation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary J. Rezabek".

Gary Rezabek
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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