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1. **9-11 REMEMBRANCE:** On September 11th please remember all of those who died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crash fields of Pennsylvania from horrific terrorist attacks. Remember the First Responders who gave their lives trying to save the lives of others, and the brave men and women of the military who have lost their lives defending our freedom ever since fighting the Global War on Terrorism. We will never forget you or what you stood for. God Bless them and the United States of America!
2. **69th NATIONAL CONVENTION:** The 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL was a tremendous success!! Those who attended had a great time and enjoyed the camaraderie of old and new friends. Over 500 Veterans/Family/Friends Members and Active Duty Paratroopers attended, with 82 Paratroopers jumping into nearby Avon Park Air Force Range. Also, some of our Veterans enjoyed a jump at Zyphrillis Park on Saturday from a C-47. The Rosen Centre Hotel was a wonderful host to the Association, offering discounts to many of their facilities/restaurants. Those who attended will be receiving an email survey to assist us in completing our After Actions Review. If you attended and do not have an email account, please send us your suggestions via the contact us page of our website. See you next year in Kentucky.
3. **CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES:** All suggested changes to the Association By-laws were passed. Minutes of the Board of Directors, Delegates, Education Fund and Wounded Warrior meetings held at the 2015 Convention will be provided separately. We hope to have the meeting minutes posted shortly. **The newest edition of the By-Laws, dated 15 August 2015, is posted** on our website on the resources page.
4. **PARAGLIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** It was decided that since we did not have enough members interested in subscribing for a hard copy of the Paraglide, we are not going forward with publication. The Paraglide will only be available online. Any Members who have either sent a check or paid via PayPal will receive a refund, over the next couple of weeks.
5. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2016:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2016:
 - a. President Allen E. Schoppe (Texas Lone Star Chapter) was re-elected.
 - b. Vice President CSM Brian Severino (Division-Rear CSM) was selected.
 - a. National Secretary Laurie K. Clay (Kentucky Airborne Chapter) was elected.
 - b. National Treasurer Lawrence Slavicek (Chicago Chapter) was re-elected.

The General Membership meeting filled six (6) Veteran Directors vacancies. Congratulations to Allen E. Schoppe (Texas Lone Star Chapter) and T. Ed Herlihy (Greater Hartford Chapter) who were re-elected

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and Steven C. Holcomb Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter), Gary Covey (T.E. Beikes-Indianapolis Chapter), Jose Perez-Ortiz (South Florida Chapter) and Laurie K. Clay (Kentucky Airborne Chapter) who are newly elected to the board.

6. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016:** President Allen E. Schoppe will announce the 2016 National Committees in the December 2015 or January 2016 Bulletin.
7. **2016 CONVENTION:** The Kentucky Airborne Chapter and Louisville, KY will be hosting the 70th National Convention August 10-13. As soon as we get the fliers, they will be posted. Please check the Association website and facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480> for more information
8. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**
 - a. Paratroopers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division deployed to Europe for Swift Response 15, a multinational training exercise designed around a U.S. Army brigade-level multinational joint forcible entry (JFE) operation. This exercise involves approximately 3,000 U.S. personnel and is being conducted from August 15 to September 17, 2015.
 - b. The 82nd Sustainment Brigade was recognized, during a ceremony on 18 August, for winning the Philip A. Connelly Award, Field Kitchen category, for Fort Bragg, N.C., XVIII Airborne Corps, and U.S. Army Forces Command.

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.

10. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President. Please send invitations by mail or email and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events lasting two or more days can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).
11. **E-NEWS BULLETINS: Want to know more about what's going on at Fort Bragg and in the Airborne Community?** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly to find out more about what is going on within the Division. You can do this by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. You do not need to purchase anything, just subscribe and open the email twice a month. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*
12. **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.

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- b. Former 82nd Paratroopers *must* apply within 2 years of discharge and be a LIFE member.
- 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 which is also listed on the bottom of the application. NOTE: This is USPS box and, therefore, does NOT accept UPS, FEDEX, etc. packages. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2015!

- 13. NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH:** We are intent on providing assistance to deserving students and troopers returning to civilian life. Please keep in mind that November is Educational Fund Month. Please make an extra effort to canvass local business to solicit funds. Remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the address on the applications.
- 14. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. 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
- 15. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please use the National Application forms, posted on the Association webpage under the membership tab, or make sure that the information contained on your chapter's applications contain the same information. Also, please make sure that **all information is included** on the Application. Many applications are being received with many blanks, including service dates and phone numbers. One of the most important pieces of information needed is an email address and many applications/renewals leave that part blank. Please be sure your members include that if they have an account. If they don't have any account, please ask if they have a family member whose account may be used so that all members can receive information and updates.
- 16. NEW NATIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Just a reminder that National's email addresses have changed. Please check your contacts and use only the following email addresses for all communication:
execdir@82assn.org Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director.
execsec@82assn.org All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters. Beginning October 2015, email sent to our earthlink accounts will not be forwarded to our new accounts.
- 17. NEW ASSOCIATION FAX NUMBER:** The Association has a new fax number effective immediately: 844-272-0047.

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18. 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. Please help the Association in our time of need. 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.

19. 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 used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and to bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Orland, FL. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

20. 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.

- a. 53rd ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
- b. 2015 Veteran's Day Activities, 8-10 November 2015 is at Arlington National Cemetery and is hosted by the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter. POC is Paul DeVries 571-245-5161. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South 703-329-1400.

21. 1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Our raffle drawing was held on the Convention banquet on Saturday, August 15. Congratulations to the following winners:

Thomas Ontiveras (5%)	- \$115.00
Bev Glancy (15%)	- \$345.00
Bev Glancy (30%)	- \$690.00

Thank you to everyone who made the 1st Annual Association 50/50 raffle so successful!

22. FACEBOOK PAGE: Please go the 82nd Airborne Division Association and '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!*** We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

23. ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: In an effort to keep the Membership informed, the 2015 Budget to Actual Statement and our Statement of Financial Position will be posted on the website.

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President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association wish thank everyone who made this year's Convention so successful.

In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering wounded warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

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

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE
National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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