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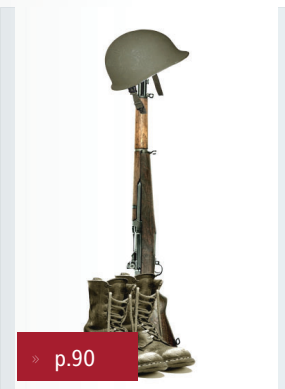
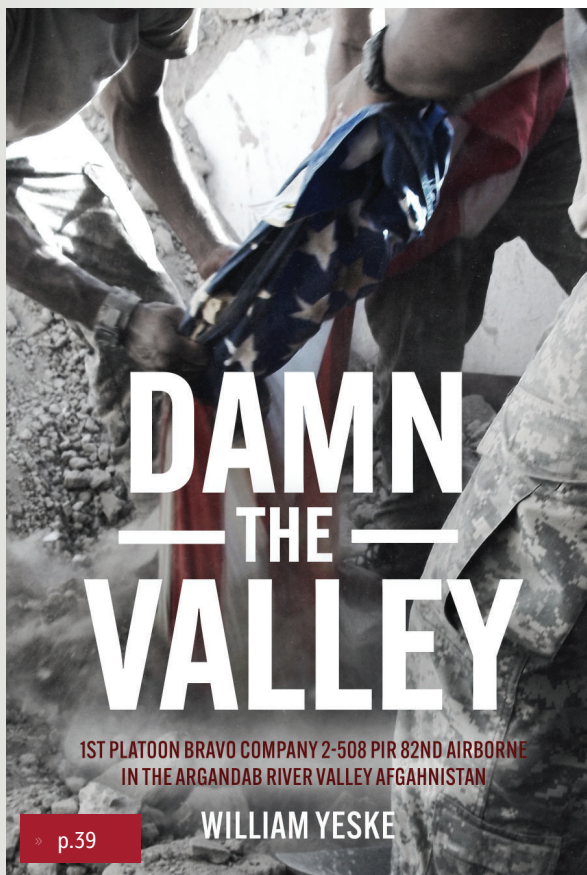
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY COVEY

Hello Troopers,

I trust that everyone had a great Summer and Fall so far. As for me, the year seems to be flying by.

Two of our biggest events, All-American Week and our National Convention have already happened and were very successful. I enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting many new ones. Everywhere I go, I seem to run into Paratroopers, past and present, all still keeping up the spirit of the Airborne. I'm proud to be a part of such an outstanding group of troopers.

I plan to attend the regional gathering of folks at the Ohio All-Airborne Days shortly followed by Veterans Day at Washington DC during the week of Veterans Day.

I will end my 2-year term as your President on December 31st. It has been a very humbling honor to serve you all and I will take away many fond memories from my term in office. Presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on your behalf was a bucket list item that I will cherish the remainder of my days. Thank you for allowing that to happen.

I thank the many great Paratroopers who have volunteered of their time and money to serve on the National Board of Directors. They serve, like me, out of love for our Division and our Association. They have represented you well.

My successor, Larry Slavicek of the Chicago Chapter, is a guy who I know will continue to keep focused on our Division and its veterans. I know you will all continue your support of his efforts.

Please keep our active-duty troopers in your thoughts as they continue their missions, some which place them in harms way. We pray that they return swiftly and safely.

Finally, before I go, I'd like to also send our thoughts and prayers to those affected by Hurricane Helene. May their recovery be swift and complete. I know that there are many of our members offering aid and comfort as they can.

God bless you all and I'll end with a final Airborne, All-The-Way!

Gary Covey

National President

82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Hello 82nd Airborne Division Association Members.

I sincerely hope everyone had an amazing summer and is preparing for this year's upcoming holiday season. I would like to begin this with sharing how incredibly rewarding and challenging this first year as your Executive Director has been. I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support throughout the year, I truly feel as though I have found my second home.

I truly hope everyone that was able to attend the 78th Annual Convention in Orlando this year had a great time! We had an outstanding attendance rate, capping at just over 300 this year, our highest attendance rate since COVID! Additionally, our Wounded Warrior fund was able to assist over 30 of our wounded warriors and their families to attend, making our highest number of GWOT member attendance to date. Our Tampa Bay chapter really did a remarkable job in our hospitality suite, bringing in great food and drinks as well as live entertainment throughout the Convention. I hope we are able to build on these successes next year in Knoxville, TN!



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

We have had a very busy year so far and no signs of slowing down. We have enacted our first "Airborne Night Out" which supported over 200 people, both Active Duty Paratroopers and our veteran members. Additionally, we have been quite busy getting after our community support initiatives, with on-going relief efforts for both Western North Carolina and Florida after being ravished by hurricanes Helene and Milton. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both our local Chapters and members for their incredible support for our communities. The St. Michael's and Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapters, as well as our generous members, have been making tremendous efforts raising over \$9000 and thousands of goods delivered to assist their communities and live the Airborne spirit.

I am very excited and looking forward to closing out this very busy year. Here soon we will embark on Washington DC and celebrate Veterans Day once again. It is shaping up to be another great event. Mr. Walter Rauscher has graciously invited us back to the wonderful Sequoia Restaurant for a wonderful luncheon and banquet. Almost two weeks after, we will once again begin making deliveries of 1000 holiday meals for our much deserving Paratroopers of the Division. I strongly urge those that are able to consider donating to such a wonderful cause, please be on the lookout for our "Giving Tuesday" campaign, where your donations will receive a multiplier through the Cumberland Community Foundation. In January, we will be hosting our second "Airborne Night Out" with the Fayetteville Marksmen hockey team. I highly encourage any of our members that are able to participate in this great event with our currently serving Paratroopers to come on out.

As I close, I would like to thank each and every one of you. Your daily efforts in your communities and for each other is what makes this Association so great. I challenge each of you to continue to seek out those opportunities and look out for each other. Remember, the National Office is always here to assist in any way that we can. Thank you and Airborne! All the way!!!

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

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HURRICANE HELENE DONATIONS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association's Executive Director, James Grimes, delivered multiple trailers worth of donations to Western North Carolina's St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter, where Hurricane Helene left behind devastating effects. The Association had many generous organizations and individuals provide monetary donations, as well as cold weather gear, as it's getting cold in the mountains. With the help of these organizations and individuals, we were able to provide for many Veterans and their families.

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RUN TO REMEMBER

The 82nd Airborne Division Association's National Office organized the first annual 9/11 Run to Remember 5k race. Several Veterans, active duty Soldiers, civilians and their families showed up at Carvers Creek State Park in Fayetteville, North Carolina to support the organization and to honor and remember the souls lost on September 11th, 2001.

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Paratroopers, Veterans, and their families gather for a traditional jersey photo at the 78th 82nd Airborne Division Association National Convention at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida.



CONVENTION AUCTION



Executive Director, James Grimes, auctions off items during the convention.



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CONVENTION BANQUET



Paratroopers, Veterans, and their families enjoy the All-American Band and Chorus, and each other as they congregate for the Memorial Dinner at the Rosen Center.



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SPOUSE BRUNCH



Spouses enjoy a brunch provided during the convention, where they also got to watch a performance by the All-American Chorus.



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HOSPITALITY ROOM



Convention attendees gather to enjoy each other's company and to watch as Wounded Warrior and Comedian, Bobby Henline, presented a stand-up comedy show.



HOSPITALITY ROOM



BAND AND CHOIR



The 82nd Airborne Division All-American Band and Chorus put on quite the performance for attendees of the 78th National Convention in Orlando, Florida.

BAND AND CHOIR



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION DAY

Soldiers, Veterans, and their families gather for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Day at Segra Stadium in August to watch the Fayetteville Woodpeckers play a baseball game against the Charleston Riversogs.



SEGRA STADIUM



555TH PIA ASSOCIATION 30TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

Executive Director, James Grimes, presents a \$2,000 check to the 555th PIA Association (Samuel Council Chapter) in September at their 30th Annual Scholarship Banquet. The Chapter is able to donate 52 \$1000 scholarships annually.



RECONNECTING WITH THE BROTHERHOOD

I found myself sitting outside the main hall where the 82nd Airborne Convention was being held in Orlando, FL this year with a group that was known as the “Liars Club” among the attendees. I had been asked by one of the veterans I had deployed with in 2010 who had been wounded in combat. He had gotten me onto the list to attend convention this year at the invitation of the “Wounded Warrior Committee”.

Jared had piped up when the committee asked if anyone knew of any veterans that could benefit from attending the convention through experiencing a renewal of their support system in reconnecting fellow veterans that had served within Division. He had always been enthusiastic to get together with the fellow soldiers he had served with in Afghanistan before he was hit with an IED that led to the loss of his arm while on a combat patrol in the Arghandab River Valley. He hadn't just lost an arm in that incident either, as one of his friends, SPC Joseph Caron, was killed in the same blast as well.

It had been a rough deployment in which the unit had suffered over a 50% casualty rate by the end of their time in the valley and the men referred to that piece of ground as the “meat grinder”. There are still stories that circulate FT Bragg (It will never be “Liberty”) about the days that 4th Brigade would be on a constant rotation to some of the worst situations imaginable. The war was at its peak at that time and the people that served were strained to the maximum as the airborne operations tempo would grind even some of the hardest soldiers to dust.

But that's also what formed the glue that brought us all together during the toughest of times and continues to be the example of what makes someone who served within the 82nd Airborne a little different of a breed of soldier. I know that they love to rub it with the jokes about “legs”, but the fact is that the amount of discipline that it requires to be a successful airborne paratrooper makes for a soldier that will stand out among peers in most places found elsewhere within the military.

The “Liars Club” consisted of a group that was re-living some of the behaviors that make up the large amount of incidents that surround military towns, but in a way where it was contained in the bubble of a few tables that had been cobbled together. These were used to hold a massive supply of alcohol that had been brought along to lubricate the conversations that would be had that night. Jared coerced a few of us that had served with him overseas and brought us to meet the group. Apparently, they had made him the “Sergeant at Arm” (notice the missing plural) when they pinned him as a worthy member of the group.

It's not clear yet what constitutes as being eligible for initiation, but the second we had sat down, one of the louder members of the group greeted us with champagne bongs and the offer of supplying any drink he could make with the current supply they had on hand. If you've ever had a drink with paratroopers, you would understand there is never a short supply of alcohol on hand during a party. It wasn't easy to find an open spot to set my own drink on the table, much less think there was a threat of running out of liquor.

After about 10 minutes of hearing war stories swapped, they went to “pin” one of the members in the tradition of “blood wings” with a re-enactment of how they did it “back in the day”. I'm still not sure of what I saw as pre shots were taken, whiskey spit on the man's chest, and a set of backless jump wings physically punched into his chest as the members of the club hooted and hollered, just as they had all those years ago either at a barracks party or around bonfire, like we had done in

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the quad occasionally.

At first, I thought it a bit ridiculous as these grown men were boisterously mixing tall tales in with truths and slurring the truth to a point where there was no point to any of it. It was just a method that offered a way to reconnect with their battles after years of having not seen each other. It reminded me of an experiment that had been conducted by Ellen Langer which covered the prospect of an anti-aging mindset that challenged elderly people by putting them in an environment from their past to help them deal with some of the psychological blocks that were happening in their life at the time.

One of the members somberly produced two framed photographs of members who had passed away since their last get together and the conversation instantly pivoted to talking about experiences that were had in the presence of these particular individuals. It quickly turned into a toast, which was followed by one of them singing the words to “Requiem for a Soldier” in an acapella rendition of a song that I hadn’t known the tune as anything other than the musical theme to “Band of Brothers” at the time.

The melody hit hard as he sang the words in a beautiful tenor that resonated with a feeling that began to well up in my chest and my eyes watered. The scene in front of me was something beautiful and I began to realize just how much times like these are needed in revisiting where we came from and the things we experienced together as veterans. It’s not something that everyone understands just as it’s not something natural to throw yourself out of a perfectly good airplane.

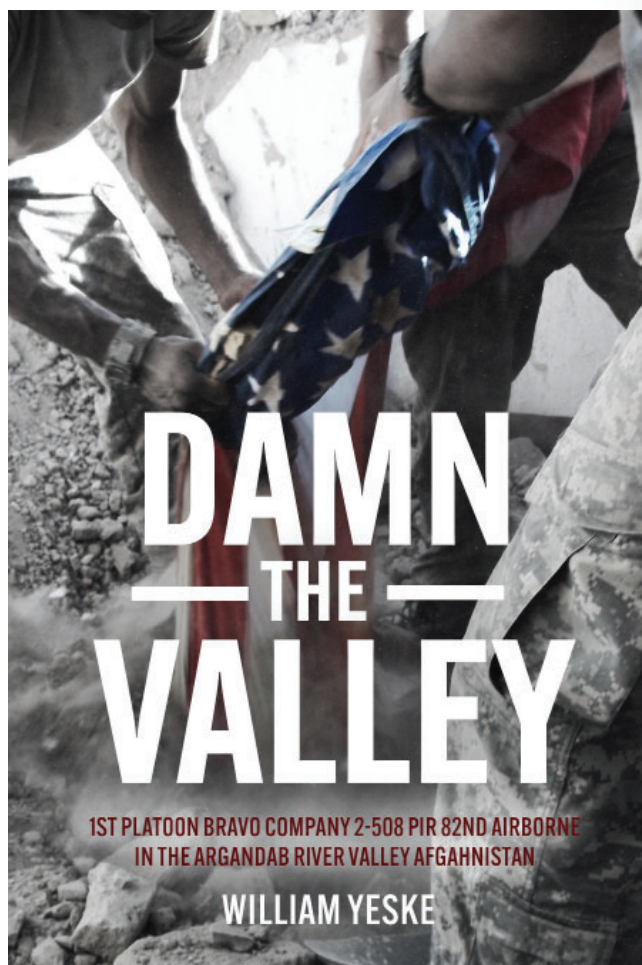
That’s why these reunions and events are something of an importance to continue for our community as veterans and as former paratroopers who served in “America’s Guard of Honor”. Those support systems that were forged in our past through adversity and tough tasks that were thrown our way on an impossible timeline are something that is invaluable and needs to be maintained. I’m actually saddened that it’s taken me this long to attend one of the convention events, but now that I have attended, I am glad that I did, and I hope more get to experience something special like I was able to during the 2024 convention.

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The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

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

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

Location

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Financial Position

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

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AND
DESERT SHIELD
MEMORIAL**





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.

CLEVELAND/AKRON CHAPTER

All Ohio Airborne Days was hosted by the Cleveland/ Akron chapter. Every one had a great time. Some attended the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, some attended the Guardians play off game. Some attended the casino. There was a graveside memorial service for Pvt John Towle MOH recipient and Cleveland native and 82nd Trooper. We had a banquet the last night. Thanks for everyone's help.



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GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER

The All-Airborne Signal Chapter attended the annual 82d Airborne Division Association Annual Convention in force this year. The team assembled in Orlando, Florida to take advantage of the opportunity to connect with like-minded paratroopers. All aspects of the convention, from hospitality rooms and business meetings to the memorial dinner were first-class events. The array of veteran and active-duty troopers intermingled, leading to insightful conversation and new friendships.



Our veterans appreciated the opportunity to speak with the newest generation of paratroopers, as it provided a chance to learn from the best and stay up to date with the latest trends and developments in the division. They found these discussions informative and inspiring, providing valuable insights and knowledge about the state of the division.

The lively and energetic atmosphere in Orlando went far to create a sense of community and excitement that the chapter is carrying forward into the future with new plans for growth and collaboration. The 2024 Convention was a rewarding and enjoyable experience for the All-Airborne Signal Chapter, and we are planning on sending a larger contingent next year!

GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER



GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

We at the Ridgway Chapter had a great summer with monthly meetings and our annual summer picnic. We try to think up extracurricular activities that our members will enjoy participating in. We realize that monthly business meetings can be slightly boring, so we spice it up with museum meetings, Great Lake fishing trips, and monthly rifle range shoots and other activities. We Look forward to the coming new year, and hope to make many new friends and new members. We are probably bias, but we believe that the Ridgway Chapter is wonderful organization with awesome people. AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY! KNEES IN THE BREEZE!



GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER

Farewell Summer of 2024, and welcome cooler breezes along the east coast of Florida. At our September meeting, we welcomed our returning members following our Chapter's summer break. Some of our members prefer the cooler summer temperatures "up north," but they welcome the milder winter temperatures along the east coast of central Florida. The Chapter welcomes all members as we return to Chapter activities until we break next April.

Each month, Chapter members gather at the Daytona VA Out Patient Clinic (OPC) and serve beverages and baked items to Veterans who are at the clinic for medical appointments. Director Ron Rambow has coordinated with the manager of the local Winn-Dixie supermarket, Mr. Andy Roof who donates multiple varieties of baked and packaged treats for our Veterans. Pictured here left to right are Chapter Executive Officer (XO) Brandon Word, Mr. Roof, and Director Rambow. Brandon presented Mr. Roof with a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his generosity which is much appreciated by the Veterans at the OPC.

On 10 August, our Chapter Secretary, Earl Tingle observed a milestone birthday. It was his 80th birthday, and what's a good way for a jumpmaster to commemorate this special day? Make another jump of course! Earl and his son Earl III made tandem jumps from 13,500 feet at Skydive DeLand, Florida on 10 August. Numerous family members and friends as well as many Daytona All-Airborne Chapter members were present for this momentous occasion. Pictured here is Earl in free-fall, and Earl with his son following this lifelong father/son memory, and Chapter members who attended.



GREATER DAYTONA CHAPTER



In Daytona Beach, we are fortunate to have the Veterans Museum and Education Center (VMAEC) where we have the opportunity of joining the museum president, Jose Rosa and other museum staff in preserving the legacy of Veterans and providing educational knowledge for museum visitors. The Museum was opened on 4 June 1922. Within the museum there is a rich history of heroic stories that have shaped our nation. The museum's mission is to honor Veterans, share their stories, and educate the community in preserving the legacy of Veterans. Please visit the Museum's web page at VMAEC.ORG.

Several years ago, Chapter Member Charlie Haycock donated a WWII 82nd Airborne Soldier mannequin complete with uniform, replica Thompson Sub Machine Gun, and other jump gear to the Daytona Chapter. The Chapter decided that this Paratrooper would receive more Veteran visibility if it was on display in the Veterans Museum and Education Center. On 23 September, Chapter Director David Stewart officiated in donating this Paratrooper to Museum President Jose Rosa. Mr. Rosa, a US Air Force Veteran himself, expressed appreciation to the Daytona Chapter for this donation, and added that it will always have a place of honor and prominence in the museum.

The Daytona Chapter wishes all other Association members a safe and happy Fall as we in Florida dodge a few hurricanes. Wish us well. AIRBORNE!



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

We certainly had a great summer and I want to start off by giving credit to the new staff at the Association who worked with us to make our fund raising events such a success! A new group at the Association and a new Director of Parks at Kenosha County who was patient as we worked through our events, but we got it done!

Our first event was the annual Pig Roast put on by Fec's bar in Kenosha. This is one of the best as we are located on Lake Michigan and benefit from the cool breeze coming off of the lake! Chapter member Dan Boring contacted Corporal Tyler Southern and invited him to attend. On May 5, 2010, Marine Corporal Tyler Southern was on his second deployment with the Weapons Company, 81s Platoon, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, when he lost both of his legs above the knees, his right arm above the elbow, and shattered his left arm and hand after stepping on an improvised explosive device (IED) in Musa Qala in the Now Zad District of Afghanistan.



Tyler flew in from Florida and was escorted to the pig roast by members of the Legion Riders who always come out to assist the chapter. Tyler didn't waste any time in getting to know the crowd in his specially built wheel chair. While he thanked us for the invitation he wanted to get out and thank the folks that came out to support the cause. It was a pleasure to present him with a check from our severely wounded fund. It doesn't get better than good weather, two pigs with corn on the cob, live music and a guest speaker who brought it all together!



Two weeks later we geared up for our 21st Annual Car Show! Again, you couldn't have asked for better weather! We arrived at 06:30 to set up and as always we found cars waiting to get in and find a spot for a show that began at 8AM! We were aided by volunteers from a local car club, "The Kenosha Legends". They made sure that everyone was parked correctly until we just got overwhelmed!! We had more cars, trucks, and motorcycles than we have ever had before! They came from north of Chicago and north of Milwaukee! Members of the Kenosha Police Auxiliary came out to direct traffic and assist in spectator parking.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



The local scout troop came out to present colors at our noon ceremony and Mike from the Biergarten again provided a free brat and bier (or soft drink) to all of the volunteers and chapter members. Mike has been doing this since we moved to the county park along with arranging for other food trucks to be on hand to meet the other needs of the crowd. Most important to serve coffee!!! This year I recognized Mike's efforts by presenting him with a 82nd Airborne modified "Biergarten" sign.



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

We invited back, Airborne Ranger SFC Mike Schlitz to be our honored guest for the show. While serving a tour in Southern Baghdad in 2007, Schlitz's truck ran over an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) killing his medic, driver, and gunner. From the explosion, Schlitz suffered severe burns to the majority of his body, the loss of both of his arms, and vision impairment. He now uses prosthetic arms and has had numerous reconstructive facial surgeries to help repair the damage to his eyelids, mouth and nose.



Mike has had pretty close to a hundred surgeries and jokes about once he gets the hundredth, he gets a set of steak knives from the surgeons. Not to be outdone by an Airborne Ranger, Chapter Member and Green Beret, Steve Brunell presented him with a set of steak knives after he spoke with the crowd! He of course received a check from us as well. I put Mike to work picking the car that he liked the most and we presented the owner with a Wounded Warrior Selected Trophy.

The Legion Riders came out again to escort Mike to the car show and the Kenosha County Executive stopped by to meet

him. Thankfully none of the political candidates currently running stopped by looking for votes! Mike was all over the show taking pictures with car owners and thanking them for coming out to support his fellow severely wounded comrades.

We also took this opportunity to recognize the passing of our Chapter Chairman, Nick Pulera who would have loved to have been at the show. Nick was the founder of our annual event and he will be sorely missed by the chapter and the rest of the community.

If any other chapter knows of a severely wounded warrior that could use some support, please contact us! We're back on Facebook at "82nd SWAAC"



T.E. BEIKES INDIANAPOLIS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

On Friday, August 16, 2024, members of the Tillman E. Beikes Chapter from Indianapolis, Indiana, observed a C-130 jump by members of Company C, 2-134th Infantry Regiment (Airborne), Indiana Army National Guard. Supporting the event were the parachute riggers from 338th Quartermaster Company, also of the Indiana Army National Guard.

The chapter members and guests drove to the Quartermaster Company where they were greeted with enthusiasm by the unit members. They were given a tour of the rigger shed and then given a demonstration of packing the new T-II parachute. Joining the chapter were ten Junior ROTC students from George Washington High School in Indianapolis.

Organizer of the event, Eric Ebb from the Tillman E. Beikes chapter, said that his goal was to give these paratroopers from past generations a chance to feel the excitement of experiencing a jump again, from pre-jump preparations to the actual jump. To see the looks on their faces and on those of the High School students was priceless. I definitely plan to organize another trip in the future. Warrant Officer 3, James Gibson of the 338th Quartermaster Company, said that this was the first time that an outside group came to watch them jump and that we are welcome back anytime.



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Troopers Greeting Members



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T.E. BEIKES INDIANAPOLIS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

95 Year Old Paratrooper Makes Skydive

Boynton “Roby” Robson, a former paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division (1951–1953), made his third skydive on August 24th at the Frankfort Airport in Frankfort, Indiana, just days after celebrating his 95th birthday on August 18th. Due to the 82nd Airborne Division convention, Robson delayed the jump by one week.

Joining Robson for the jump was his fellow paratrooper, Ted Gaines, an 8th Army Division veteran who celebrated his 80th birthday in September. Both men are active members of the Indianapolis Chapter of the Tillman E. Beikes 82nd Airborne Division Association, as there is no local airborne chapter in their area of Indiana.

The Indianapolis Chapter is involved in a variety of activities throughout the year, fostering camaraderie and honoring military service. Weekly meetings are held on Wednesdays at a local Skyline Chili Parlor, and the chapter also hosts military-themed movie nights at a local legion hall. This year, the chapter celebrated WWI hero Sergeant Alvin York, with three of his great-grandchildren attending as special guests. In addition, the chapter marked the anniversary of D-Day by screening The Longest Day, a film commemorating the June 6, 1944 invasion, which was open to all military personnel.

Each year, the chapter participates in several public service activities, including attending spring JROTC ceremonies where they present awards to cadets. On Declaration Day, the chapter lays a wreath at the gravesite of the Four Chaplains at Washington Park Cemetery. This year, the chapter will also participate in the Veterans Day parade in Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Chapter remains a vibrant and active part of the airborne community, honoring the legacy of past and present soldiers while fostering fellowship among its members.

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WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER



Colonel (Ret) James L. Riffe
Notice of Internment
Arlington National Cemetery
On Monday
December 2nd, 2024
at 11AM
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Airborne, All The Way!

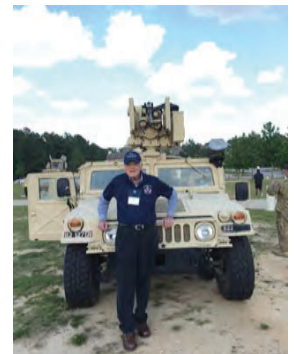


In Memoriam: Colonel (Retired) Jim Riffe, U.S. Army

Colonel Jim Riffe, a stalwart of the U.S. Army, dedicated over three decades of his life in service to our nation. His valor and unwavering commitment left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew him. Jim's battlefield courage was legendary. He earned the Bronze Star with a V device twice! A testament to his gallantry under fire and a Purple Heart which was a silent tribute to the wounds he sustained during combat on Okinawa. In 1947, Jim took flight as a paratrooper and gliderman. His wings carried him through the skies, and he served with distinction in the 82nd Airborne Division for over a decade as a jumper and Jumpmaster. His journey culminated as the Chief of Staff of the division in the late 1960s. At 95 years old, Jim cherished his visits to Ft. Bragg. There, he reunited with old comrades—the Old Timers—and connected with the young troopers who followed in his footsteps. The camaraderie, the shared stories, and the bond of the "Airborne" service made these visits special. Jim held dear his friends and fellow 82D Power Pack Veteran, Mr. Walter Rauscher. Walter's generosity in hosting Jim's birthday lunches and dinners created cherished memories. The pinnacle was Jim's 100th birthday celebration—an unforgettable gathering of family and airborne comrades. As Jim takes his final jump into eternity, may his landings be soft, and may he find peace. Until we meet again, Colonel Riffe, your legacy lives on in the hearts of those who honor your service and friendship.



Your "Best Friend" Mike Lonetto, Past Washington, DC Chapter Chairman



WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

Our warriors and families had a great time at the Orlando convention. We had B Co 508th, 4/73rd, and troopers from the 1994 Pope AFB crash in attendance. They went to Disney, Sea World and the ocean. All had a great time. Thanks Bobby Henline for doing his comedy show. He was smoking. Thanks to a great team. Thanks Dee. AATW



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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.

This first-person account is packed with action and suspense plus the relentless moving through the jungles and rice paddies looking for “Charlie”. A young 21-year-old Sergeant Becker is transformed and worn down by the rigors of war which almost ends his sanity much less his life. A five-year-old French-Vietnamese orphan girl greatly helps him regain his sanity. The final battle in Cambodia against overwhelming odds seriously tests his abilities and luck.

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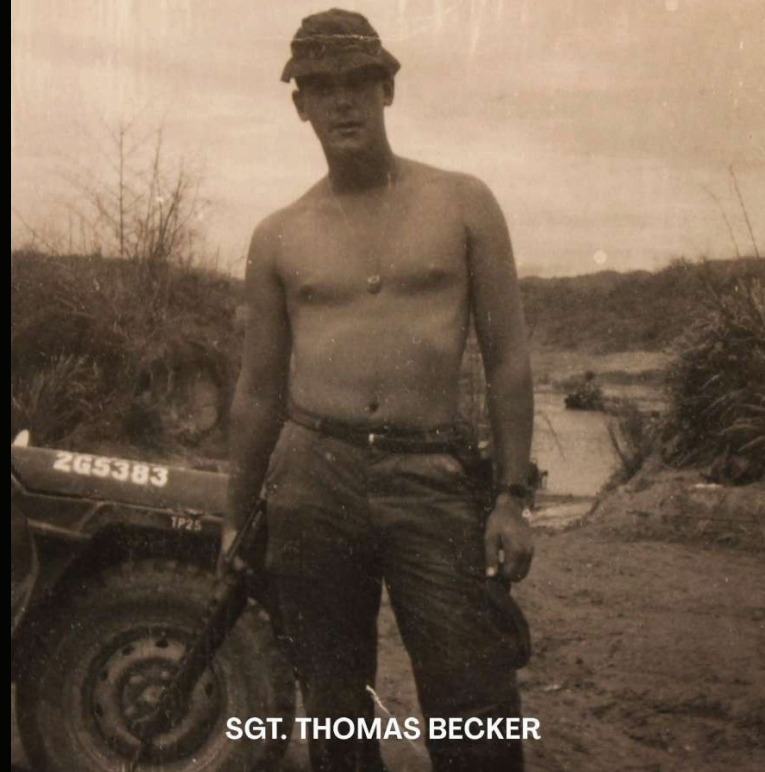
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We are happy to report that the 82nd Airborne Division Association has received our 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status approval letter. We are currently
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AAW 2025

**The dates for All American Week 2025
will be 25 May - 29 May.**

**We will have the online registration open
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on the website shortly.
Please watch our social media channels for
more information.**

79TH CONVENTION

**The dates for the 79th Convention
will be 5 August - 9 August.**

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9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TROOPS SUPPORT TBD NOVEMBER 2024 TBD DECEMBER 2024



This year, the 82nd Airborne Division Association will again provide 1000 Holiday meals to Junior Enlisted Members and their Families during the Thanksgiving and December Holiday Seasons.

Please help us by supporting our Holiday Troop Support project through monetary donations or goods to be distributed. Donations will support our efforts to provide meals and other endeavors that benefit our young Troopers and their Families.

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82nd Airborne Division Association's 2024 9th Annual Holiday Troop Support



This year the 82nd Airborne Division Association will again provide 1000 Holiday meals to Junior Enlisted Members and Families of the 82nd Airborne Division during Thanksgiving and December Holiday Season.

The dates for this year:
November 21st, 2024
December 13th, 2024

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The 82nd Airborne Division Association will be taking part
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Giving Tuesday event.

This is a wonderful opportunity to donate to
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and have your donation amplified.

Our live period will be from
Monday, 11/25/2024 at 9:00 am
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AIRBORNE NIGHT OUT JANUARY 25, 2025



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We invite everyone to come out and enjoy a terrific event with your 82nd Airborne Division Association Family.

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THURSDAY: Hospitality Room 1300 till Closing.

FRIDAY: Hospitality Room 0800 till Closing.

SATURDAY:

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- Cocktails 1700 – 1800
- Banquet, Guest Speaker 1800 – 2000
- Hospitality Room 2000 - till Closing

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Event hosted and arranged by Kentucky Airborne Chapter. Call or email if you have questions: Bill Waller (502) 396-4770 or kentucky@82ndairborneassociation.org

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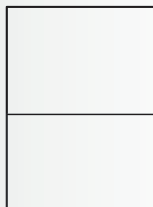


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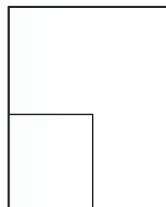


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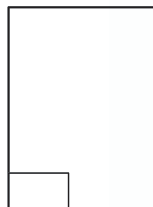


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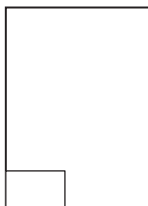
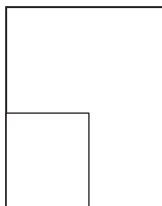
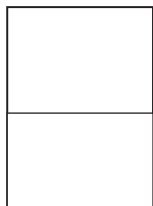
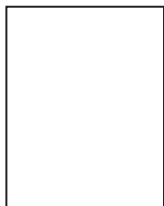


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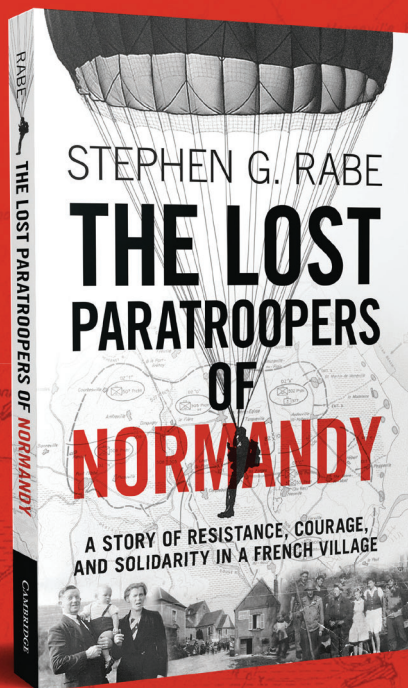
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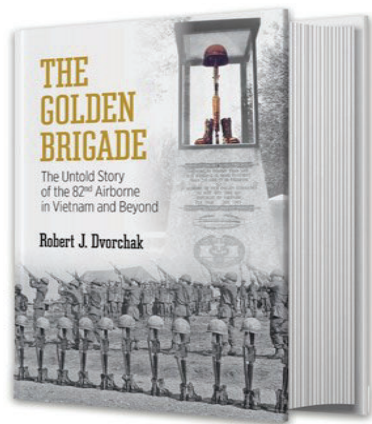


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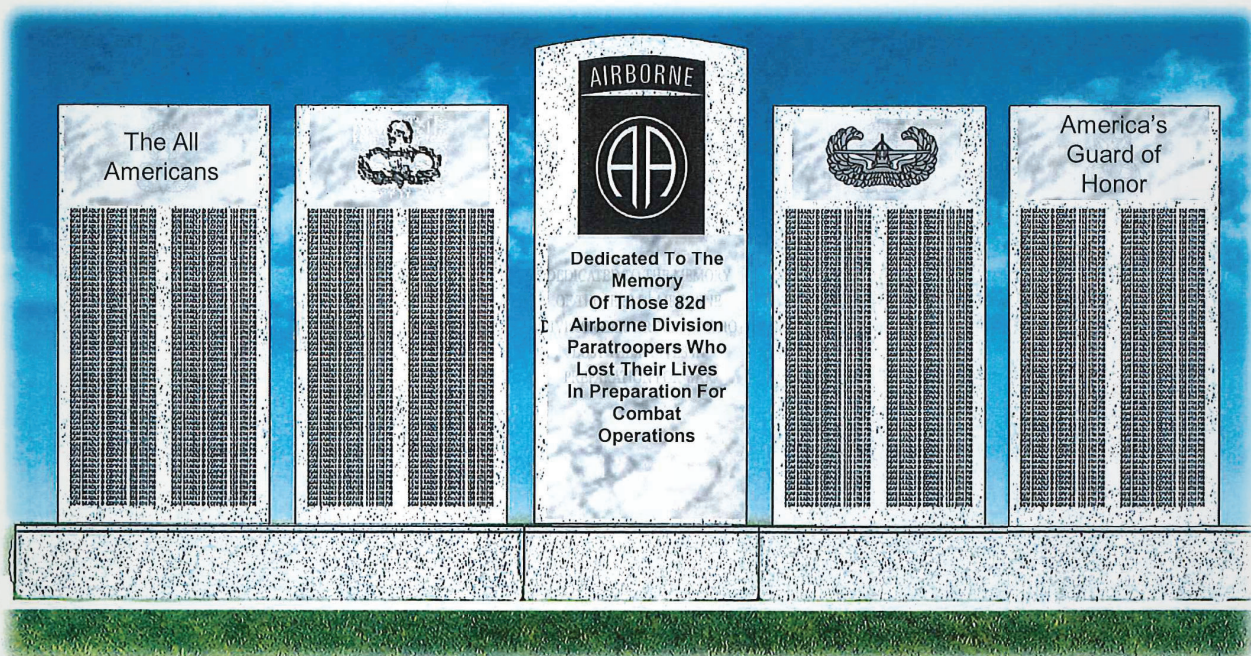
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Joseph "Joe" George Balint, an All American member of the CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away 9 April 2024. He served with HSB 3/319th AFAR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1992-1995.

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Ronald Lodzinski, an All American member of the Badger

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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, Bill Bauer, ATW!

WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Air- borne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker
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1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Air- borne tab.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

2016-2023 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.

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 82nd 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.
- Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.
- Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.
- Maintain that bond with the Military community.

With your support, the Association can continue is to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.



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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

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