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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY COVEY

Greetings Airborne Brothers and Sisters,

Since we've last spoke, there have been some great events as well as some sad events that have occurred.. In early August we were notified of the passing of Past President Harold Schroeder. He was a fine man who loved our Association very much and worked tirelessly to insure its success. He will be sorely missed. We offer our prayers for his wife, Edna and the entire Schroeder family.

Our National Convention in Washington, D.C. was well attended and a great success. The

Washington DC Chapter along with the National Office staff knocked it out of the park. I thank them for their outstanding efforts. The business of the Association resulted in the election of 6 fine Troopers being added to our Board of Directors. They in turn honored me with another term as your Association President for 2024. I thank them for their confidence and trust in me and will continue to do my best to keep our great Association on the right path.

During the Convention, I was honored to help lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Solder alongside former Division Commander, General (R) David Rodriguez and the 1st Brigade Leadership Team. This was fulfilling a bucket list item for me and was a humbling experience that I will never forget.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I look forward to the upcoming Veterans Day ceremonies in Washington, DC. We will honor the service and sacrifice of those All-Americans who have served as this Nation's tip of the spear and remember those who gave up their tomorrows for our todays. Our continued service is in remembrance of them.

This year will mark the 8th consecutive year for our Holiday Troop Support program. Your donations help us to provide holiday meals for 1000 lower enlisted Troopers and their families. It is our way of thanking them for their devotion and sacrifice. Your donations to this event are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to CSM (R) Bill Bauer and staff for their outstanding service and sacrifice to our great Association. They have done an exemplary job. I hope Bill and Laura will enjoy their much earned retirement. The hiring of ISG (R) James Grimes to be the new Executive Director by the Board of Directors was a great move in my opinion and I look forward to helping with the transition and working with James in the coming year.

I hope your holidays are great and please remember to keep our Troopers in your prayers as they perform their assigned missions successfully and return home safely.

AATW,

Gary Covey National President 82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this letter, I realize it is the last letter I will be submitting as the Executive Director of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. It is a bitter sweet event as it will be great to spend more time with family finally, but Laura and I will truly miss the daily dealings with all of our Chapters and Members. Well, most of you at least. LOL. It has been an honor to represent our Association and to meet so many of you. We have met so many amazing Members of the Association who continue to spread the Airborne spirit throughout their communities through numerous events and programs, and we thank all of you for making your communities better through your efforts.



BILL BAUER

There are so many great Members of the Association that it is impossible for us to list them all, but I do want to thank all of the Members who have stepped up and served as Officers

and Directors of the Association. It has been an honor to work with you and I thank you for your work in bettering our Association. I also have to recognize the amazing command groups of the 82nd Airborne Division for their enormous support of the Association and their love of the Division and its Veterans. You have done so much to honor the Veterans of our Division and welcome them back, year after year, for the All American Week celebrations. It has been and honor and personally gratifying opportunity to coordinate with you and word on ways to better the lives of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The only bit of advice I want to impart on our Members is to remember to serve the Association as you did the Division. Our service is about self-less service and not about seeking acknowledgement for our service. Being a Member of the Association should be about having the opportunity to gather together with fellow Airborne Veterans, continuing our service to our community, and supporting the current Active Duty Troopers of our 82nd Airborne Division. Remember, it is never about self, it is about what we can do for others that make us great Airborne Troopers and Veterans. Our Nation needs the Veterans of our Military to continue the spirit of serving within our communities, states, and, wherever possible, to help our fellow Veterans and Citizens in need. I thank you for the service you have already given to your Nation, and all that you may continue to give.

I don't have much more to say other than Thank You for the time serving as your Executive Director. Laura and I have made so many life long friends and look forward to having more time to spend with you at Association events. We also look forward to continuing to serve the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Veterans through several programs. Lastly, I want to thank all of the Ladies who have worked for and supported the Association. Especially Amy, Lori, Heather, Maggie, and Kimberly. It was great working with all of you and thank you for all you did to better the Association. Most of all I want to thank my Family. Laura, as with everything in my life, I would not have been able to do this job without you. Anyone who deals with the National Office knows that you are the one that makes everything happen, and have done it so well that I even look good. You are an amazing woman with so many strengths and abilities, and I could not have been more blessed that to have you and Will in my life. For my son Will, thank you for all the work you did to support the Association with little to no pay. The Association was lucky to have your help, and Mom and I could not have asked for a better Son.

If there is anyone I have forgotten to recognize, please note that it is only due to my forgetting and I thank all of you for your amazing work for the Association. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season, and hope to see you at Association events. Thank you - Bill, OUT!

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Giving Tuesday.....Page 20 Fayetteville, NC November 20-29, 2023

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Future Association Regional Chapter Events, 2-days

or longer, need to be coordinated with the Association Headquarters, and an Event REGISTRATION

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Fayetteville, NC

May 20-23, 2024

WINTER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the Paraglide is:

DECEMBER 30, 2023

Please send news, letters and emails to:

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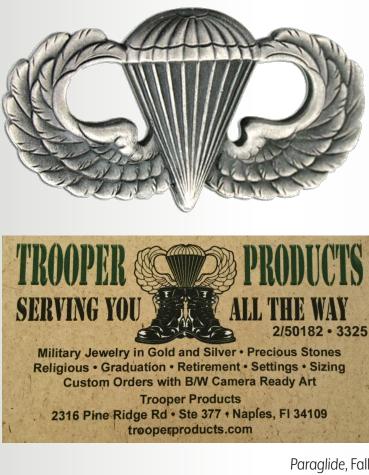
SOCIAL MEDIA

Ask me how to share your event on Facebook. You can add the Association as the co-host for chapter events to capture a larger Airborne audience! Send us photos and videos from your chapter activities.

Message Us on Facebook: http://m.me/82ndAssociation







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2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION



The 77th National Convention, held in Washington, DC, has come and gone and those who were unable to attend missed a great event. Hosted by the Washington DC Chapter, we were able to once again gather together with old friends and make new ones.

Our Convention kicked off with the 82nd Airborne Division Color Guard posting the National Colors and the Association Colors in the registration area of the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel. They were joined by the 82nd Airborne Division All American Chorus who honored us with some 82nd and patriotic songs. The Chorus performed flawlessly, as always.

We held our traditional events – the Memorial Dinner, the National Banquet, the various business meetings, gathering daily in the hospitality room with old and new friends, as well as adding new events. A reception dinner was hosted by member Walter Rauscher at the Sequoia Restaurant, with

lots of food, drinks and comradery. Thank you Walter for this amazing event! Everyone who attended was very impressed. In addition, buses were provided to transport attendees to various DC sites, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where Association President Gary Covey, GEN(R) David Rodriguez, COL Schuerger and CSM Overway laid an 82nd Airborne Division wreath. A tour of our Nation's Capitol was also arranged.



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

During the Banquet, the Independence Fund presented a motorized Track Chair to one of the Division's Wounded Warriors, SPC Andy Kingsley, 1-321 wounded in Afghanistan in 2010. Thank you, Independence Fund, for all that you do!

A brunch was held for the ladies with gifts for all who attended, as well as a door prize for two lucky ladies, and, of course, the 82nd Airborne Division All American Chorus provided the entertainment.

Throughout the Convention, the 82nd Airborne Division All American Chorus and the All American Band could be found entertaining our members and guests.

Congratulations to our 50/50 raffle winners: Michael Oesch – 1st Place, Curtis Holt – 2nd Place and Moses Leyba, Jr. – 3rd Place. Thank you to everyone who supported our 50/50 raffle!



Thank you to the Washington DC Chapter for hosting the 77th Conven-

tion. All your hard work helped make for a wonderful convention and one that will not be forgotten. Airborne!



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - BANQUET





Thank you to all the DC Chapter volunteers!



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2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - BANQUET











Doug Andrews - 2023 All American of the Year

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2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - EXPLORING THE TOWN







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2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - EXPLORING THE TOWN









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2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - MEMORIAL DINNER



2023 NCO of the Year, SSG Joshua Sexton, lights the memorial candle at the MIA-KIA table.



2023 Trooper of the Year, SPC Tyler Beller, lights the memorial candles.







2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION - MEMORIAL DINNER









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Our host, Walter Rauscher

RECEPTION DINNER AT THE SEQUOIA RESTAURANT













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HOSPITALITY ROOM - FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS









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This year we are participating in #GivingTuesday – a national day of giving that will take place on Tuesday, November 28. We are asking our donors to show their support for the 82nd Airborne Division Association (Association) by donating online at cumberlandcf.org on #GivingTuesday. The Association will have a unique URL that will be open from 0900 on November 20th until 1700 on November 29th.

A match of \$550,000 is available for gifts received through Cumberland Community Foundation's (CCF) online GivingTuesday catalog – so be sure to donate that day, or during the window, in order to have your impact amplified! Checks can also be mailed to directly to the Association at PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or to CCF at PO Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302.

Checks should be made payable to Cumberland Community Foundation. The memo line should read: Giving Tuesday—82nd Airborne Division Association.

We would like to thank Cumberland Community Foundation, Will Gillis, Elizabeth "Beth" Keeney, Daphne and Ray Manning, Carol and Sammy Short, Fayetteville New Car Dealers Association, Healy Wholesale, and three anonymous donors for making this match possible!

With your donation, the Association can continue to positively impact the lives of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and their Families.





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

The Liberation of Kuwait

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

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

The Memorial

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

Memorial Timeline

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

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C. In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-1 location.

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

Location

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

Financial Position

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

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



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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.

GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The Ridgway Chapter had a Good Summer this year. We had an Awesome Annual Summer Picnic, as well as other activities such as Rifle Range days. We always look forward to getting together with all our Airborne friends.

At our Annual Picnic we had great food and fun and had the Passing of the Grill Master's Apron. Grill Master Dan Lee Passed the Apron to Jim Suchland. Jim definitely knows His way around a Grill.





GREATER NIAGARA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

It's been raining here for most of the last two weeks. It won't be long till the snow arrives. Our September picnic was a great success with plenty of food and drinks. Attendance was up from last year because of the great weather. We are already beginning to plan for our Christmas Party. Monthly meetings have also been well attended.

With all the problems going on in the middle East, we hope our troops will not be mobilized. If any mistakes are made, the 82nd will surely be involved in some manner. Here's hoping that things do not come down to that. As usual our thoughts and prayers are with the troops.

LEW MILLETT MEMORIAL MOH CHAPTER

Greetings from the Lew Millett Memorial MOH Chapter. We are enjoying good health and good weather. The heart of our Chapter is still our Honor Guard. Which provides Honor Guard Details for our Departed Brothers and Sisters in arms.



After our 3 rifle volleys Taps is played and Salutes are rendered.



Flag Folding in preparation for presentation to the fallen members family.



Detail and all veterans provide a Final Salute Paraglide, Fall 2023 Number 3

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER





JP Paviot (L) talking with Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III during the D-Day Celebrations this year. They are at the church where trooper John Steele 505th PIR hung during the D-Day invasion at Ste Mere Eglise, Normandy.



Rich Becker (in Red Shirt front row) gathering with some super troopers during festivities.



Our elder members of the 82nd Airborne Division passing in review. Paraglide, Fall 2023 Number 3

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Cindy Brown, an Admin Assistant to one of our state senators, Frank Dochniak, Heath Davenport, and Tony Alger, at the POW/MIA Rememberance Ceremonies at the Veterans Park in The Villages, FL. Heath was also the featured speaker at the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremonies on Sep 15, 2023.



Ron telling the membership his qualifications for the job of National Director for the 82nd Airborne Association. Congratulations for becoming the newest member of the National Directors of the Association.

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Ron Dahlgren, Walter Rauscher, and Tony Alger at Walter's restaurant The Sequoia in Washington DC. Talk about great food. I don't think I've been to a better eating establishment.

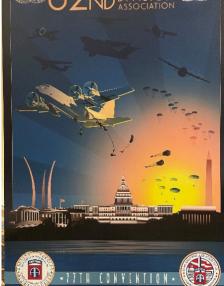


The 77th Airborne Convention was held in Washington DC and a few of our members and family attended. Below is a picture of some of our chapter members with MG LaNeve and his wife. The young lady next to the General is Audrey (daughter of JP and Marie Paviot) MG LaNeve, Tony Alger, and Ron Dahlgren at the Airborne Banquet.



General Andrew Poppas FORSCOM Commander shaking hands with Ron Dahlgren during the All-American Week Reunion in May 2023.







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NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

On 23 June, beloved chapter member Cliff Stump passed away. Cliff was born in Van Meter, Iowa, on June 13, 1924 and was one of eight children. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Artillery. Cliff landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944 in a glider. From the beaches of France, he then went on to Holland and into the Battle of the Bulge. On VE Day, he was in Berlin when he heard the war was over. There was no celebration as there was a lot of work to still do. They went house to house looking for weapons. In total, Cliff served three years and was honorably discharged in 1946. Cliff was a positive person and always happy to see a friend. He was a joy to spend time with and will be deeply missed. The North Texas chapter was proud to provide an honor guard at Cliff's services.





Clifford A. Stump

Chapter Honor Guard

NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Chapter members at All-American Burger night



The Chapter hosted a fundraiser at the American Legion Post 379 by serving "All American" burgers. Two small burgers and fries topped with an airborne flag were given out for a small donation. The North Texas chapter holds the monthly meetings at the post and has a tight relationship there.

We are proud to announce Pete Dominguez as our Trooper of the Quarter. Pete is a second-generation paratrooper who served in the Army from 2011-2019. He was assigned to various units within 1st Brigade Combat Team (504PIR), 82nd ABN DIV from 2011-2017, 1st BSTB, 127th AEB, and 307th BSB where he took command of HHC "Hellraisers". He deployed

All-American Burgers

to OEF Afghanistan in 2011 with the 82nd. His last assignment was the Recruiting Company Commander for the state of New Mexico. He has been a life member of the 82nd Assoc. since 2015 with lineage to the Benavidez-Patterson Chapter. He eventually transferred membership to the North Texas Chapter where he served as President from 2020-2022. Pete is also a member and Jumpmaster for the Liberty Jump Team. "I've been heavily inspired by my father Rafael Dominguez, a Korea and Vietnam Veteran, who adopted me at birth and my Godfather "Ranger Duke Armendariz National Pres. of the 82nd ABN DIV ASSOC. 2002-2003."





Pete Dominguez, Trooper of the Quarter Paraglide, Fall 2023 Number 3



PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CLEVELAND-AKRON CHAPTER

The Cleveland/Akron Chapter Color Guard stood tall at the NHRA Night on Fire in Norwalk Ohio. We were on the track for the opening ceremony flag presentation, fly over and jump. it was a great honor. Met a trooper and now race driver Jody Stroud. Jody was sporting the Division patch on his race suit and vehicle. AIRBORNE.

Dee and I tied the knot. It was great having so many local and national members attending. Thank you all for helping celebrate our wedding.

Finally it is with sadness that our friend Charlie Higgins passed away. Charlie was the Akron Chapter Chairman. The Joint Veterans Honor Guard and Chapter members were in attendance to give Charlie a final salute, He was the nicest and friendly trooper I knew.

God Bless and soft landings Charlie.

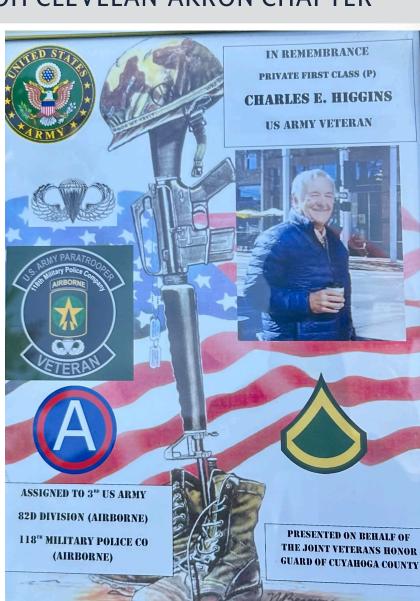
Thanks to all. AATW, Gary



PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CLEVELAN-AKRON CHAPTER









SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER









Several members of the Chapter started out its summer activities by attending the dedication of a house built by the Gary Sinise Foundation for CPT Jason Church in Waukesha, WI. Jason was a speaker two years ago at our Car Show Fund Raiser. It was a well-attended event with members of the foundation, builders and of course members of the press present. There was a specially recorded message from Gary Sinise for Jason and his wife. The homes that the foundation builds are of course specifically designed to make life easier for the severely wounded warrior. As there were so many people present, a video tour of the house was provided for the attendees. Coverage of the event was carried on several Milwaukee television stations during the main news cycle. The Chapter presented Jason with a check to help out with to help out with any incidentals in his new home.

The Chapter once again partnered with Fec's Place in downtown Kenosha to put on their 15th anniversary Pig Roast! We were so please with the on the lake location at the Kemper Center in Kenosha that we returned. Once again this was a "Joint Operation" with the Marine Corps League providing and cooking the pigs and Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm providing the corn on the cob. Carolyn, Wally and Mike from Fed's place mobilize friends and they pitch in with salads, potato's and deserts to serve up for the \$10.00 donation. Lynette and the Rock Daddy's once again provide a wide selection of songs from the 50's-the 90's to entertain the crowd. The Chapter pitched in by selling tickets to the event along with T-Shirts and hats locally made and donated for the event. To say it was a success is an understatement with raffle prizes and our donation jugs receiving a lot of attention! If you need more proof, for the first time, we ran out of pork to serve! Another milestone was reached by raising the most money ever for this event!

While the Pig Roast had mild temperatures and a breeze off the lake, our 20th Annual Car Show was not as lucky! Like the rest of the country, mid 90's with humidity's to match was a challenge! We are still grateful to our Chaplain as he always writes a "General Patton weather prayer" for each event! It may have been warm, but it didn't rain!! While the published event kicks off a 8am, we had cars coming up from Chicago arriving at 06:30 looking for some of the shade trees on site. Even with the heat,

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER





we had more cars attending this year than last!

Our honored guest this year was Spec-4 J.P. Lane who lost both legs to an IED in Afghanistan. He and his wife Crystal joined us for the presentation of colors by Scout Troop 1865 and a benediction by Chaplain Gary Beltoya. J.P. is originally from the Green Bay area and his mother and father traveled down from Green Bay to display their 1963 Chevy split window Corvette. J.P. is a dynamic speaker and relating his experiences in country as a Combat Engineer out looking for IED's before the infantry moved in behind his team. Obviously, he missed one which took out his HUMMV. It's hard to imagine that he technically died on the table twice and remained in a coma for over a month while recovering from the many reconstructive operations he had to undergo. He truly is a walking testament to the high caliber of care provided by the Medical Corps and the medical professionals at Walter Reed.

J.P. and his wife arrived with a 30 motorcycle escort from his hotel. This was great to see as the bikers represented all the branches of the service and some patriotic civilian rider's. We put J.P. right to work going out to select the car that he liked the most. He presented the Wounded Warrior's Choice Trophy at the end of our noon ceremony. As the weather was only getting warmer, we curtailed our awards to "The People's Choice Awards" and once the votes were tabulated, we presented an appropriate plaque. What was unique this year is that we had a local family put together and donated seventy five "Goody Bag's" to be passed out to the first cars to arrive. The show was carried live on face book by the same DJ who provides the show with music while the Kenosha "Biergarten" provided a free bier and brat to members of the Chapter and our support team. Mike at the "Biergarten" extended this to the motorcyclist's while also arraigning for other food trucks to be on hand with other offerings. We are particularly grateful for

the one that brings out coffee!

We are very fortunate that so many people support these events and want to give back to those that have given so much for this country!





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WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

The National Convention in Washington D.C. was a great event for our Wounded Warriors' and Gold Star family members. The committee was able to host 24 WW's/ Gold Star family members for this years National Convention in Washington D.C. It reunited some of them for the first time in many years. They toured the Washington sites, met with past Division Commanders, and had some photo ops with the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus (just back from appearing on Americas Got Talent).

Two informative and educational presentations were made by our members.

Jaymes Poling presented "Modern Warrior Live", an immersive music and narrative experience that chronicles his journey of PTSD to Post Traumatic Growth. It highlighted shared human experience, resiliency and hope.

Ist Sgt(R) Jennifer (Loredo) Ballou presented a talk about her experience as an active duty Soldier and becoming a Gold Star Wife and where her life has taken her and her son, Eduardo Loredo. Jennifer's husband was a member of the 82nd Abn Div.. Jennifer currently serves as Gold Star fellow for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation . She was previously the Deputy Chief of Staff for the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio.

I want to thank Maggie Peppers, Larry Stewart, Jackie Osech, Jennifer Ballou, Jaymes Poling, Cindy Holcomb and Dee Dee Kuharik for all the great work they have put in to make this a success. A GREAT TEAM, JOB WELL DONE.



WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE



VETERANS DAY

BEYOND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We believe there's no better way to show our appreciation than to make a difference in the many issues facing the veteran community.

And there's no challenge more urgent than the epidemic of veteran suicide.

USAA founded **Face the Fight**[™] to end veteran suicide. Learn how you can join the fight, find help and support your fellow veterans.

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Face the Fight[™] is a coalition to prevent veteran suicide by breaking the stigma of seeking help, increasing awareness and supporting our partner organizations.

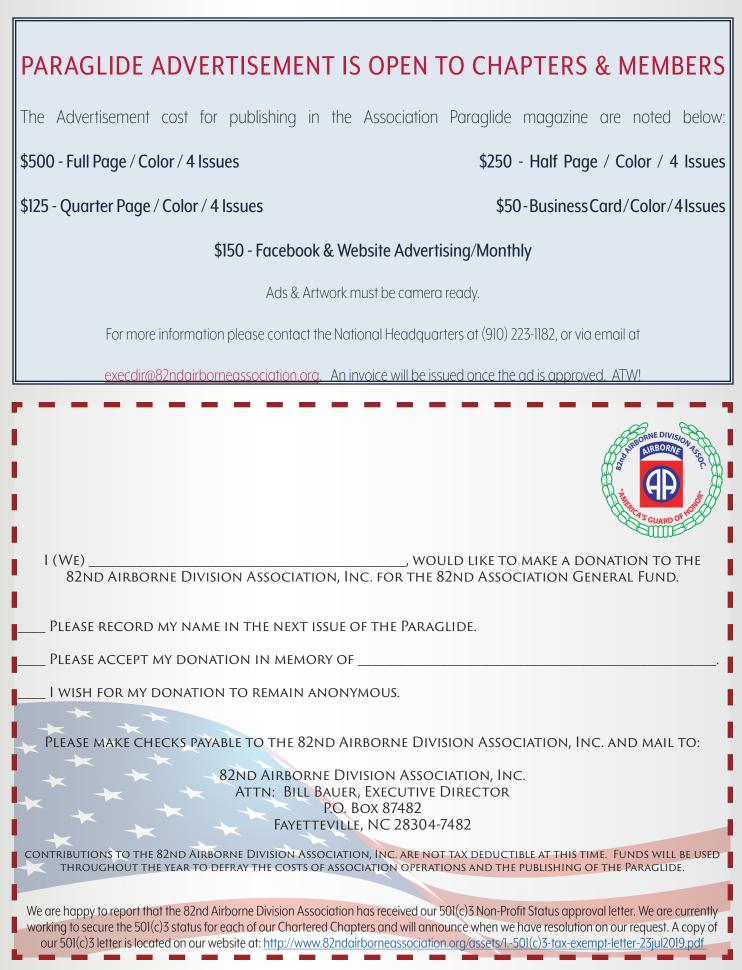
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We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have donated to the Association during the last quarter. Your generosity allows us to continue our Mission and fund Programs that benefit our Active Duty Troopers and to continue to find new programs. We could not do this without your generosity and support. Thank you. Airborne!

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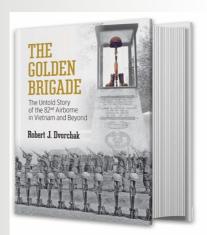
82ND ASSOCIATION LEGACY

As the Association moves forward in to the 21st Century, many supportive members will make their last jump! The number of members that have supported our Association over the years numbers in the hundreds of thousands.

The Association was founded in 1944 by WWII Paratroopers and Glidermen. Their vision was to establish a fraternity that would foster Airborne camraderie for life. Several years later the 82nd Association almost collapsed. In the late 1940's the Association was reinvigorated by Association Veterans and the rest is history. They made some hard decisions and recommitted themselves, setting the standard that has continued for over 68 years.

Through the years many Association changes have occurred. This past year, yet another chapter was written in our Association's history. An Association LIFE member and benefactor has made a commitment to the 82nd Airborne Division Association and will bequeath a sum of money on his final jump!

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ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2024 May 20-23, 2024

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us as we celebrate All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall).

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn – Moon Hall) - The Registered Member room rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes buffet breakfast.

Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms:

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall)

Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Brag<mark>g NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC</mark> Ms. Monica Wells) Ihgarmyhotels.com Group code: AAW

If you have not paid your separate reg<mark>istra</mark>tion fee with the Associa<mark>tion,</mark> you will not be eligible for the discounted hotel gro<mark>up</mark> rates, nor be able to use our <mark>blo</mark>ck of rooms!

There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

Registration is \$155. REGISTRATIONS MUST be received by 5 May 2024. After 5 May 2023, late registration increases to \$180 per person.

Registration can be mailed in or you can register online at http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html

The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 23 May, at the Iron Mike Conference Center.

The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 20 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 22 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

The meals for these events, and drinks and snacks in the hospitality room, are included in the registration fee.

Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Moon Hall.

Golf Scramble information will be put out shortly.

ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2024 REGISTRATION May 20-23, 2024

\$155 Per Person Registration Fee, includes:

The Association Dinner Social (Coat and Tie Event) will be held on Thursday, 23 May at the Iron Mike Conference Center. The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic will be held on Monday, 20 May at the Fayetteville Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Picnic) and the Fayetteville Chapter Southern BBQ Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 22 May at Moon Hall. Beer, soda, water and snacks will be included in the hospitality room nightly.

Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk at Moon Hall. (There will be **no** transportation provided from the airports. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available).

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Transportation to All American Week Events will be available from Moon Hall.

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Cancellations and/or requests for refunds must be submitted no later than 5 May 2024. Refunds will not be issued after this date unless it is a verifiable emergency. Funds will be considered a donation to the Association. AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

Educational Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund since last publication of the Paraglide. These gifts are greatly appreciated.



CONTRIBUTOR James Shelton Milton Vila AMOUNT \$50.00 \$20.00

Look for the Educational Fund in your CFC Brochure, the Fund is listed with the: Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service Organizations of America. CODE NUMBER: 11449 82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

> Scholarship Application for the School Year 2023-2024 Deadline: *OCTOBER 15, 2024*

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications MUST be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than *October 15, 2024*. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund

PO Box 87482, Fayetteville

NC 28304-7482

For more information, contact your Chapter Chairman or Secretary.

Donations may be sent to the address above or online at

www.82ndairborneassociation.ora/education-fund.html

Please return completed application and payment to: 82nd Airborne Division Association

PO Box 87482 Fayetteville, NC 28304



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

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

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

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

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



(Effective 1 July 2023)

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



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

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	Single Widowed	Spouse's First Name	Make check/money order payable to the 1st BCT/504th PIR	
	Married	Children	Association, Inc. and mail to:	
	Male		James R. Cook, Treasurer 185 Fox Run Rd.	
	Female		Pinehurst, NC 28374	
Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn.	Annual Dues:	Lifetime Dues:	If you are also joining the 82nd Association, please send a separate check/money order for that membership payable to the 82nd	
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** You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application.**

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

following Officers: Association Secretary - 504th.PIR.Association.Secretary@gmail.com

Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

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







MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUMP QUALIFIED Applicants OR Those Who	Have Served in Combat with or Attached
to One of the Following:	
3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division	505th Regimental Combat Team
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment	505th Airborne Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion	Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry	508 Regimental Combat Team
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Applicants are required to submit a copy of their form DD214 to accompany their application.









82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs

to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to

82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 · Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Name:		Amount:
Address:	City:	State:Zip:
Note:		
Signature:		Date:

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

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

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your

Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at <u>garyrezabek@yahoo.com</u> 216-310-4872 Paraglide, Fall 2023 Number 3 51

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

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

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

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

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

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

our own beloved Womack Army Medical Center NC.

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

PP Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior committee at

garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872.

Dir Maggie Peppers, Secretary 82nd Airborne Division Association WWF Committee.

abnpep@gmail.com, 440-300-8903

Larry Stewart, Treasurer 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee. **stew-**

art@82ndairborneassociation.org , 281-844-1421

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Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Airborne Division Association WW Fund and mail to:

PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

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

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

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.



MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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



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

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

All donations to the project are tax deductible. Those making a donation of \$82 or more will receive a certificate from the Memorial Association				
Use the form below and mail your donation to: 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association, P.O. Box 43359, Fayetteville, NC 28309-3359				
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The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families

extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

ANDERSON

Scott Anderson, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 11 March 2023. He served with A/2-325, 82nd Airborne Division from 1972 to 1975.

BENJAMIN

James Benjamin, a member of the GEN Ridgway Chapter, passed away 21 November 2021. He served with 376 PA, and 458 PFA, 82nd Airborne Division from 1945 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

BRIGGS

Reginald Briggs, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 25 April 2023. He worked for MED Co., 325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1954 to 1957.

BURGGRABE

Charles Burggrabe, an All American member of the Kentucky Airborne Chapter, 15 June 2020. He served with HHC/325 GIR from 1945 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

BURNAM, IR.

Hubbard Burnam, Jr., a member of the Vulcan Chapter, passed away 18 December 2020. He served with HO Co., 504th PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1944 to 1945. He

BUSKIRK

Frank Buskirk, an All American Martin Farricker, Sr., an All member of the Kentucky Airborne Chapter, passed away 7 June 2023. He served with HHC/1-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division in 1951.

CAPUTO

Anthony Caputo, a National At Large member, passed away 10 September 2010. He served with HHC. 1-508 from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

CRIST

Charles Crist, an All American member of the Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, passed away 14 July 2017. He served with F/325 GIR from 1942 to 1945. He was a veteran GROESBECK of World War II.

DANWIN

Andrew Danwin, an All American member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 21 May 2023. He served with 307 BSB and HHC, 82nd Airborne Division.

DEL BANGO

Raphael Del Bango, an All American member of the New York Chapter, passed away 3 June 2020. He served with E/2-505 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1944 to 1946. He

was a veteran of World War II. was a veteran of World War II. HARTIG

FARRICKER, SR.

American member of the New Jersey-CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away 2 July 2023. He served with 10 SFG-A in 1952. Badger State Chapter, passed away 27 October 2018. He served with 187 RCT and B/319 AFAR. 82nd Airborne Division in 1952.

GOODWIN

Dwight Goodwin, an All American member of the Mid-America Chapter, passed away 13 April 2017. He served with 504 PIR and 508 PIR. 82nd Airborne Division from 1945 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

Bernard Groesbeck, an At Large member, passed away 22 June 2020. He served with 11th Airborne Division and 307 MED, 82nd Airborne Division from 1946 to 1951. He was a veteran of World War II.

HADDEN

Stanley Hadden, an All American member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, passed away 5 August 2023. He served with a/456 PFA from JOHNSON 1944 to 1947. He was a veteran Arthur Johnson, an All Amerof Word War II.

Alfred Hartig, a member of the South Florida All Airborne Chapter, passes away 28 December 2018. He served with REG HQ Co., 515 PIR, 13th Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

HIGGINS

Cecil Higgins, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away 30 March 2011. He served with A/329 FGA BN. 82nd Airborne Division. He was a veteran of World War II.

HUDSON, IR.

Louis Hudson, Jr., a Charter and All American member of the Texas Lone Star Chapter, passed away 21 June 2017. He served with HHC/456 PFA BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

HURD

Walter Hurd, a Charter and All American member of the Association, passed away17 September 2021. He served with A Btry, 456 PFA, 82nd Airborne Division from 1943 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

ican member of the Roy Benavidez-Robert Patterson



All Airborne Chapter, passed away 21 May 2017. He served with 502 PIR 101st Airborne Division, 187 ARCT, and Special Forces from 1943 to 1956. He was a veteran of World War II. Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict.

IOHNSON, **I**R.

James Johnson, Jr., a Chapter and All American member of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter, passed away 18 August 2023. He served with 2-501 PIR and 2-327, 101st Airborne Division, and 505 and HHC DIV. 82nd Airborne Division from 1961 to 1991.

KABAT

Robert Kabat, an All American LIBERI member of the John Towle-Cleveland Chapter, passed away 11 April 2017. He served with 504th PIR. 82nd Airborne Division, 13th Airborne Division with Co. C, 307th ENG DN, and 17th Airborne from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War.

KORMANN

John Koran, an All American member of the COL Reuben H. of the Rob Benavidez-Robert Tucker Chapter, passed away 29 April 2015. He served with 82nd Airborne Division and 17th Airborne Division from 1944 and 1979. He served with World War II.

KUSKIE

Hazen Kuskie, a National At Large member, passed away 27 April 2017. He served with 508 PIR 82nd Airborne

Division and 515 PIR 13th Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

KUSMIERCZYK

of the Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, passed away 22 August 2021. He served with C-511 PIR, 11th Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

LASKA

James Laska, a member of the ican member of the Badger Badger State Chapter, passed away 15 December 2022. He served with 82DAG Co., C&C BN 82nd Airborne Division.

Louis Liberi, a Charter and All American member of the Association, passed away 18 December 2013. He served 82nd Airborne Division in 1944. He was a veteran of World War II.

MCGRATH

Gerald McGrath, a member Patterson All Airborne Chapter, passed away 3 September 2016. He served with 507 PIR, 2015. He served with 502, 517 and 503 ARTY from 1944 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

MCGUIRE

Thomas McGuire, an All American member of the New Jersey-CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away

2 July 2023. He served with 511 PIR, 11th Airborne Division and 504 PIR. 82nd Airborne Division from 1955 to 1958.

MUSSER

Henry Kusmierczyk, a member Terry Musser, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 1 November 2018. He served with HHC/173 ABN BDE < SIG Co. 6SFG in 1965.

NIEBUR

Martin Niebur, an All Amer-State Chapter, passed away 16 January 2021. He served with C/325 INF and A/1-508 INF ter, passed away 2 August in 1958.

OYBKHAN

Abraham Oybkhan, a member of the Washington DC Chapter, passed away 8 October 2011. He served with 508 PIR, RCT, 515 PIR and 541 PIR from 1943 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

PARLETTA

Mario Parletto, an All American member of the lames W. Etherton/Detroit Chapter, passed away 30 December 17th Airborne Division (attached to the 82nd Airborne Division) from 1943 to 1945. He sion and 517 PIR 17th Airborne was a veteran of World War II.

PHARISS

Harry Phariss, an All American SHENKLE member of the GEN Ridgway Chapter, passed away 26 January 2018. He served with

TAPS

D/515 and HHC, 82nd Airborne Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

RIVFRA

Hector Rivera, an All American member of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter, passed away 5 July 2023. He served with 187 INF ABN Battle Group, 505 INF 82nd Airborne Division and 509 from 1960 to 1965.

RUPERT

Bruce Rupert, a member of the ISG Leonard A Funk MOH - Western Pennsylvania Chap-2023. He served with 4/503 INF 173 ABN BDE and 1/502 INF 101st Airborne Division from 1966 and 1968. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict.

SALLAS

loe Sallas, an All American member of the Chicago Chapter, passed away 28 June 2023. He served with 3/325 Air from 1951 to 1954.

SHAW

Delmar Shaw, an All American member of the Idaho All Airborne Chapter, passed away 4 January 2018. He served with 505 PIR. 82nd Airborne Divi-Division from 1943 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

George Shenkle, a member of the Hajdak/Mokan – Philadelphia Chapter, passed away 9



PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1942 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

SHOCKLEY

Charles Shockley, an All American member of the Kentucky Airborne Chapter, passed away 17 January 2018. He served with 325 GIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1945 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

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Salih John Siam, an All American member of the Akron Chapter, passed away 3 January 2021. He served with 505 PIR. 82nd Airborne Division and 541 PIR from 1943 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

SOMMERS

Robert Sommers, an All American member of the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, a passed away 16 June 2016.

April 2020. He served with 508 He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division, 541st, and 515th 13th Airborne Division from 1944 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

SPERANZA

Vincent Speranza, a member of the John Steele Chapter, passed away 2 August 2023. He served with 501 PIR, 101st Airborne Division from 1944 to 1946. He was a World War II veteran.

STARNER

lames Starner, a member of the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter, passed away 21 June 2020. He served with 325 GIR. 82nd Airborne Division and 17th Airborne Division from 1943 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

STEWARD

George Steward, an All American member of the Mid-Michigan Chapter, passed away 2 May 2018. He served with

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THOMAS

William Thomas, an All American member of the Kentucky Airborne Chapter, passed away 12 January 2017. He served with 456 PFA, 82nd Airborne Division from 1944 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

THOMPSON

Bobby Thompson, an All American member of the Toledo Chapter, passed away 6 February 2014. He served with 508 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division from 1944 and 1946. He was a veteran of World War II

TRAVELSTEAD

Lee Travelstead, an All American member of the GEN Ridgway Chapter, passed away 21 July 2016. He served with 325 INF. 82nd Airborne

Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

VAN PARYS

Lawrence Van Parys, a member of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter, passed away 23 February 2017. He served with 505 PIR. 82nd Airborne Division from 1943 to 1945. He was a veteran of World War II.

WICHMAN

Vernon Wichman, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 28 October 2018. He served with 504 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division and 511, 11th Airborne in 1953.

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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.

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Airborne 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

1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Airborne tab.
1980 - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

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

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

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

Beginning 2002 through 2012 - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washing- ton 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.

2016-2022 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.

2023- Sponsored the attendance of 82nd World War II Veterans at the 77th Annual Convention in Washington, DC.

BENEFITS

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

- Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82 nd Airborne Division.
- Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of Military news.
- Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.
- Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.
- Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.
- Choose one of over 80 local Chapters through-out the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.
- 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.

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.

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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- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

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