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1. **2018 CONVENTION**: The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association is proud to host the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention, with the help of the Greater Daytona Chapter assisting with the hospitality room. Registration is \$110.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr., Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room a night (max 4 persons per room). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to <https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airborne&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018> Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel, and all the amazing attractions in Orlando, Florida. For registration and more information, please go to the Convention link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

For those requesting bus transportation to the Drop Zone for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Training jump there will be an additional charge of \$15 per person and it must be requested in advance as busses will only be available for those who have paid for transportation prior to the Convention.

2. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fort Bragg)**: **It's that time of year again. Don't wait too long.** Once a year the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division welcomes back its Veterans and treats them to an awesome week of comradery. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under Events. **Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. If you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms left.** If you missed last year's event, you have probably already heard how fantastic it was. Don't miss it again. If you attended last year, you know what a great event it is and what a great time you will have. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers and Sisters on Sicily Drop Zone. We hope to have hundreds participate again. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises another spectacular meal. I can't tell you how excited we all are about hosting AAW for our Veterans, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes go nowhere unless you act on them.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/aaw.html> or can be done by write in application located at the same link. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There is a 2018 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They are also

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available for purchase on-line for those not attending AAW and you can have them shipped to you or those attending AAW can pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coin is available for viewing on our website so check it out.

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

- DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request donations for the General Fund. To make a donation simply go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association's Homepage or by mailing in to the National office.

Please help us to widen our support for our Active Duty Troopers by donating to the Association. Your support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs we are trying to support for the Division, such as Holiday Troop Support, and the Division food locker. Please help the Association in supporting our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troops. . Thank you for your support.

- 2018 NATIONAL OFFICERS & DIRECTORS TERM OF OFFICE:** Welcome to our 2018 National Officers and Directors. In accordance with the Association By-Laws, the 2018 National Officers and Directors assumed office on 1 January, and end their term on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Posted on our website is a listing of the 2018 National Association Officers and Directors for your continuity files. Please disseminate to Chapter members via all means of Chapter communications.

- NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2018, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>

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

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne

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Division Commander will appoint the Division Department of Defense Liaison. This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be Completing their term in office (\* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

\*Victor Mitchell  
Steve Copening

\*Michael Oesch  
Larry Slavicek

\*Gary Rezabek  
Joseph Steen

6. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2018 CONVENTION:** *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter's concerns addressed at the Delegates' meeting, you must send in your Chapter delegate certification form. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2018 and the Convention by 31 July 2018.*

As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2018. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

7. **2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS' REPORT:** Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new or re-elect current officers. Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. *Please provide your 2018 Chapter Officer report, with current phone number and email addresses, to National as soon as possible so that we can update our files and the Association website. Please be sure to give your newly elected Chairman access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.*
8. **2017 & 2018 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES' REPORTS:** Per the Association By-Laws, "a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter" throughout the 2017 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2018 should arrive at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2018. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. *These reports are not optional and are required annually by the IRS.*
9. **POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** *Get your events out to the entire Association. Please notify National of your Chapter's major one day events so that they can be posted on the Association website and Facebook page. Please submit your flyers to National so that they may be approved for posting. However, only events lasting 2 or more days will be posted in the Paraglide. They will only be placed on the website through the National office after the approval process.*

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10. **STATUS OF CHAPTER 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS:** *Still waiting.* We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but we will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.
11. **CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL:** At the end of January 2018, we will again be sending out the Chapter portion of membership dues to the Chapters. If your PayPal account was not set up in the past and your funds were returned to us, those funds will be included in the January funds so that you will not lose any of the funds due to you. Please ensure your PayPal accounts are set up so that your funds will clear quickly. You will receive a notice in your Chapter email account letting you know that the funds are available for you to accept and transfer to your account. We will only be making payments to the Chapters through PayPal and will not be issuing checks anymore. If your account is not set up by January, and the money is returned to us by PayPal, we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you when the next funds are issued in July 2018. You will not lose the money. If you still have any questions or need help in setting up your account, please call us, and we will assist you. All this information has been previously sent to all the Chapter Chairmen, including tutorials on accessing your Association email accounts and tutorials on setting up your PayPal accounts to only receive payments to your bank account, without having to register any credit card, but if any Chairmen has not received this information please call us so we can get the information to you. We appreciate the help from all the Chapters who have completed this transition, and are ready to help any others who may still be having some problems.
12. **2017 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2017 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, are being emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, by the end of January. If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.
13. **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.
14. **SPRING 2018 PARAGLIDE:** Please remember that submissions for the Spring edition of the Paraglide is due by 30 March 2018. Please submit your articles directly to the editor at [paraglide@holmesteads.com](mailto:paraglide@holmesteads.com)
15. **82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several

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years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to [www.usaa.com/82nd](http://www.usaa.com/82nd) . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association

- 16. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
- 17. ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President to your Chapter events. Please send invitations by mail or email and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).
- 18. MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER REQUEST:** **This message is for any members of the Mississippi Chapter.** The Officers of the Mississippi Chapter are unable to continue in their positions and have been unable to find replacements. If there is any member of the Mississippi Chapter who wants to help to keep this Chapter from closing by assuming an Officer position please contact the National Office.
- 19. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
- 20. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters.* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the following link [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html). If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.
  - a. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hilton Head Weekend, 22-25 February 2018 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is **Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa** 888-511-5086 or online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne>
  - b. Airborne Awards Festival, 18-21 April 2018 is in Columbus, GA and is hosted by the Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Chapter. POC is Al Fracker: 770-841-4345. The host hotel is the **Best Western Plus**: 706-507-1111.

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- c. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 8-10 June 2018 is in Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe: 281-814-2377. The host hotel is **Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake**: 281-333-9300.

**21. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 72<sup>nd</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events.

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

President Becker, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and a Happy Valentine's Day!

In addition, many of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are deploying this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Richard G. Becker  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
BILL BAUER  
Executive Director

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