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PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

1. **75th ANNUAL**

CONVENTION: Our 75th Anniversary Convention was a huge success thanks to the Lone Star Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Their superb work and attention to details made the event great, and all in attendance had an awesome time.



2. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2021:** AAW 2021 has been postponed and will *not* be held from August 30 - September 2, 2021. We do not have the new dates yet, but will post them as soon as they are posted by the Division. We will also post information on hotel reservations once we establish a room block for our registered Members.

Any Members who are currently registered will have the opportunity to remain registered for the Association events on the new dates or request a refund. We will be reaching out to registered Members for their response.

3. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations have caused the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, to help make up for these losses of funds. Several Association Chapters have stepped up to the challenge and provided awesome funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2021 will take funding and we hope you will see the value in these projects. Please help us to realize the success of all our upcoming projects so that we can continue to support the Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.
4. **DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT":** We are once again gearing up for our "Holiday Troop Support" program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. This project has been a huge success over the past five years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1000 meals over the Holiday season. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. For those who would like to donate, please send a check or you can use the donate button on our website. This program is one of our most successful and has a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers and their Families. Thank you for your support.

"America's Guard of Honor"

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5. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR SELECTION:** On 14 August 2021, the following Director Nominees were selected to be part of the 2022 Board of Directors:

Director William Bell (Gen. Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter)
President Steven Copenig (Central PA Chapter)
Steven Daugherty (Washington D.C. Chapter)
Director Maggie Peppers (Donald Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapter)
Director Nero Tucker (Vulcan Chapter)
Director William Waller (Kentucky All Airborne Chapter)

6. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2021:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2021:

- a. President Steven Copenig was re-elected.
- b. Vice President Gary Covey was re-elected.
- c. National Secretary Maggie Peppers was re-elected.
- d. National Treasurer William Waller was re-elected.

7. **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 to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Director(s) in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Director(s). Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Director(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).

8. **MINUTES AND DELEGATE QUESTIONS FOR 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The Minutes for the General Membership meeting, the BOD meeting, and questions and answers for the 14 delegates at the 2021 Annual Convention will be posted on our website under the “Forms and Resources” link under the Quick links tab. Minutes will be posted by 25 September 2021.

9. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2022 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award must be received by 1 July 2022. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org

10. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2021:

- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82nd Trooper.
- b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82nd Airborne Divisions Jumpmaster, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Trooper of the Year at our annual dinner during All American Week (AAW). On the



final evening of AAW, the Leadership and Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division join the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members as we present these outstanding Troopers with awards to recognize their accomplishments (accomplished through Association and corporate donations).

- c. **4th Annual All American Adventure 2021:** Plan is to send twenty 82nd Airborne Division



All American Adventure 2019

Troopers on a 4-day resiliency trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment, this project uses donations from Association Members and Chapters, and Corporate sponsorship to accomplish this project. This trip usually takes place in June, provided we are able to secure funding for our Troopers. Help us in providing an avenue to assist our 82nd Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.

- d. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division:** Our Association stands ready to provide support to our Deployed Troopers as they protect our Nation. The more donations we receive, the more we can do to support our Troopers while they are deployed. Help us show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.

- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2021:** This year will be our 6th Annual “Holiday Troop Support” and we will again provide over 1000 meals to young Troopers and their Families over the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to insure the Families of young 82nd Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



11. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES: Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):

- a. **28 February 2022** - 2021 Chapter Activities Report, 2022 Chapter Schedule and 2022 Officers.
- b. **15 April 2022** - Chapter financial reports due to National Office (emailed to each Chapter’s email account in January).
- c. **1 June 2022** - Nominations for 2022 National Director.
- d. **1 July 2022** – Nominations for All American of the Year Award.
- e. **1 July 2022** - Communication & Public Relations Award Program entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP.
- f. **1 May 2022** - Delegate Certification for All American Week 2022 (click or go to link for form <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/28.-delegate-certification.pdf>)
- g. **20 July 2022** – Delegate Certification for National Convention 2022 (click or go to link for form <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/28.-delegate-certification.pdf>).

12. ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS: *Support our Chapters!* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website.



Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and/or on the Association's website at the following link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.

a. AAW 2021 details will be published when available.

13. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: **Past due**. *When your Chapter elects Officers, you must notify the National Office so that we can update our records. We have created a standard form. Please use only that form.*
14. **2020/2021 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: **Past due**. 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 2020 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2021 is a requirement. We have created a standard form. Please use only that form.
15. **CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS**: All requests to the Chapters for "REQUIRED CHAPTER DOCUMENTS" are not optional and are required for the Chapters to maintain their non-profit 501(c)4 status. Any Chapter that does not submit the required documents will be reported to the Board of Directors, and is subject to closure by the Board of Directors. There are only a few required documents required to be submitted every year by the Chapter Chairman, and they must be completed. *We have created a standard form for all required annual reports. Please use only that form, which has been emailed to the Chapter email account earlier in 2021.*
16. **E-NEWS BULLETIN**: *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who insure they shared their email address with the Association will receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles, and links to our Bulletins, the Paraglide Magazine, and Flyers and Registration forms for Association Event. If you are not receiving the E-news bulletin to your email just send us your email address and we will add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
17. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG**: Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Army and the Division, sign up for our E-News bulletin and go to the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
18. **2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION**: *The book release date is planned for September 2021.* If you have any questions concerning your purchase or are still interested in purchasing the book, you can contact the publisher directly at 1-800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com



19. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE

FOR PURCHASE - The 82nd Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82nd Airborne Division bourbon bottle. It is available through Boundary Oak Distillery. It is an awesome dedication to the Division and has already sold over 30,000 bottles. The White Wax seal bottles are currently on sale. You now have the opportunity to collect the Red, White, and Blue versions of the bottles, which are the National flag colors, and also the colors of the 82nd Airborne Division.



To order call:
270-351-2013

20. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association’s co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the silk on the front. It’s a very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

21. 7th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: On 14 Aug 2021, we held the Association Annual 50/50 raffle. We collected a total of \$2,332.00 to be split 50% to the Association, then 5%, 15% and 30% to raffle ticket holders. Congratulations to:



5% = \$116.50 to Alfred Roggeman
15% = \$349.50 to Rene Hernandez
30% = \$700 to Barb Shannon



22. FACEBOOK PAGE: ‘Like Us’ at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/> *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: President Copening, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish to thank all Members for their service, and hope to see all of you at our AAW event, once scheduled.

Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! It is an honor to serve in this outstanding Association with all of you and we wish you continued health and safety. We ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Steve Copening
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director