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- 1. 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 70th National Convention, August 10-13, 2016 in Louisville, KY. The Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport will host the Convention. The hotel room rate is \$99.82 per night, including tax. This rate is good from 7 August 2016 through 17 August 2016. To make hotel reservations call 888-233-9527 and request the 82nd Airborne Division when calling. Please call ONLY this number when making reservations or go online to <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14216594/owner/2812/home>. POC is Joe Steen (502) 937-8234 or kyairbornechapter@yahoo.com. The registration form is attached and is available on our website under Events www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. The 70th Convention is going to be a great event so I hope you can join us in all the great festivities. I have had the opportunity to visit the Louisville area during the pre-convention meetings and was amazed at how many great attractions there are. The Kentucky Chapter is doing an outstanding job in preparing this Convention and have just completed the Bourbon tasting to select a barrel for Convention. Sorry I missed that event, but look forward to purchasing one of the Association special bottles to share with a few good Paratrooper friends.
- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2016:** The registration and flyer have been published in the Winter Paraglide and are available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. I have been attending weekly planning meetings at the Division Headquarters and can tell you that the Division is going to great efforts to make this AAW the best ever. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review on Sicily Drop Zone, and I will brief everyone as the details become available. There are also some special events this year by 2-17 and 4-68 Armor to mark the dedication of a stone at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, and our Wednesday Diner, sponsored by the Fayetteville Chapter, is an actual pig roast on location at Moon Hall. If you have never attended a Carolina pig pull, you don't know what you're missing. Laura and I are very excited about this year's events and look forward to again hosting our Airborne family get together. See you there.

Registration for AAW is on-line and can be paid for on-line or by write in application. We are also offering annual AAW Challenge Coins that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They are also available for purchase on-line and you can have them shipped to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW and thereby saving on postage. If you have not seen the Challenge Coins, please go to our website and check them out. I think they look awesome and I have seen a few Coins in my career.

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Photos Wanted: For those members who will be attending AAW, Mike Lonetto is making a “Back in the Day” photo display. If you would like to have a photo displayed of you when you were with the 82d, you can email them to Mike at mikeyL1@verizon.net or you can bring them with you and it will be added. Please include your name and year.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will 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!

3. **2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The 2015 Chapter Financial Statements have been sent out and are due at National by 10 April 2015. Any Statements not received by the suspense date will not be added to the Association Group Return and will be the responsibility of the Chapter for filing with the IRS. To date, the following Chapters have completed and returned their Statement:

San Joaquin Valley	Central New York	Golden Gate
Oklahoma All Airborne	North Central Florida	London Bridge
Cornhusker	Lehigh Valley	James Etherton/Detroit
Rocky Mountain	Washington, DC	Orlando Florida
South Florida	Don Lassen/Atlanta	Evergreen State
Dan Campbell	Greater Daytona	Tampa Bay
Acadiana	CPL Edward Savin	Gateway
North Jersey	GEN M B Ridgway	Lobo All Abn
John Towle/Cleveland	1SG Leonard Funk	Central Pennsylvania
Hdjak/Mokan-Philadelphia	Low Country	North Texas
Hampton Roads		

4. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted):
- Delegates:** Notification of delegates is due *2 May 2016* and must be certified on Chapter letterhead, signed by the Chapter Chairperson and sent directly to National. The \$90.00 Convention registration fee should be sent directly to the Kentucky Chapter: Attn: Joe Steen, 4913 Flushing Way, Louisville, KY 40272.
 - Convention Agenda:** Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board’s review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 June 2016*.

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- c. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 June 2016* to Chairman/Director T. Ed Herlihy.
- d. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 July 2016*.
- e. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *2 May 2016* to Chairman/Director T. Ed Herlihy.
- f. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson. Changes are *due 29 July 2016*.

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne 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 leaving office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination for a second 2-year term):

*Steve Copening
*Joe Steen

*Justin Holmes
Randy Glancy

*Larry Slavicek
Michael Briseno

5. 82D AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: Please continue to support the Association with the Association USAA Rewards Credit Card. To date, the Association has received over \$125,000 over the past several years. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd. We also have a link to this website on the Association website. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

6. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:

- a. On 19 February and 1 March 2016, paratroopers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion returned home from a 9-month deployment in support of Combined Joint task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve
- b. On 21 February, the 82d Airborne Division All-American Chorus performed our national anthem prior to the start of the Daytona 500 at the Daytona International Speedway.
- c. Please check out our website for the semi-annual State of the Division update from MG Richard D. Clark and CSM Michael D. Green.

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Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82ND/Pages/default.aspx> to find out more about these articles and what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision/?fref=ts> .

7. **TAPS:** When reporting Members who have passed away, *please* include as much information as possible, to include, date of death, spouse's name, and unit(s) served. A copy of the obituary is also very helpful. Please do not send them just in the Newsletters. We try to read them all, but sometimes we miss information, and do not assume that that is our notice of a Members passing.
8. **STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION POLICY:** Just a reminder to Chapter Officers and Association Members: the Association does *not* sponsor, nor lend its name in any way to parachute jumping activities, nor does it provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity, to include being in attendance. The Association policy also does not cover the sales, or consumption of any form of alcohol at Chapter events, but we can assist Chapters in obtaining special insurance riders for events. If you are unsure of an event, it is best to call and get a final answer than to assume it is covered and be proven wrong.
9. **END OF YEAR 2015 CHAPTER REPORTS:** Just a reminder that Veteran Chapters are *required* by the Association By-Laws to submit an Annual Summary Report for 2015 and events in 2016. To date, we have received very few reports. If you have submitted your reports, thank you. If you have not yet done so, please submit them as soon as possible. Thank you.
10. **ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the "Events" link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.
 - a. 2016 Annual Airborne Awards Festival, 13-16 April 2016 is at College Park, GA and is hosted by Donald D. Lassen Atlanta All Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is Atlanta Airport Marriott. Please go to the Events tab at the Association's website for more information.

Please be sure to notify National of upcoming events so that we can let our Membership know!

11. **2nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Please continue to promote our second Annual 50/50 raffle so that we can make it even more successful than last year's raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2016 during the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 70th National Convention.
12. **FACEBOOK PAGE:** 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association. We have no*

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affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association's name! We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

13. CHAPTER REBATES: There still seems to be confusion on Chapter rebates versus refunds. The Association is paying **refunds** to Chapters (the portion of the membership fees that are paid, as per Association By-Laws Article II, Section 1, Paragraph E, Subparagraphs 1-3).

Let me start by giving a very heart felt thank you to those Chapters who have relieved the Association of the rebate debt.

Rebates, on the other hand, were the National office's way of trying to assist Veteran Chapters in having cash, when they were in need, by annually giving the Chapters money for every Life Member assigned to the Chapter, for no other reason than they were members. Again, this was done when the National office had money to spend, and was done in order to help Chapters.

So, being the new guy to the Association, and somewhat of an out-sider from all of the events leading up to now, it seems a bit hard for me to understand how, when the National office became short on funds, some of our Chapters are still demanding rebates even at the cost of the Association going under. I do understand that there may be some conflicting ideas on what caused the Association to get into hard times, but that does not mean, to me, that we should allow the Association to fail. Just as the National office sought to help its Chapters when they needed help, I am now asking that the Chapters help the National Office by relieving us of our rebate debt. We are not asking for anything more than our Chapters to forgive the money we were going to give them.

Also, understand that even as the Association is recovering from our financial problems, we are not out of the woods yet. And, as the Association does get money, given the choice of paying back rebates or giving the money to programs that will help our Active Duty Troopers and their Families when they need assistance, you can imagine that I will choose to help those young Troopers and Family Members. So once again, I ask that the Chapters relieve the Association of the rebate because it will help us to recover and it will allow us to concentrate on helping those who are currently serving.

14. THANK YOU: I want to thank all the Chapters for working so hard to make our Association the great organization it is. I hope together we can make it an even better organization that truly makes a difference for our Active Duty Troopers, Wounded Warriors, and all their Families. AATW!

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish everyone a Happy Spring.

In addition, we ask that you continue to remember our Armed Forces, especially those deployed in harm's way, and our recovering Wounded Warrior. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

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