



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

Chartered by
The United States Congress

P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482 (910) 223-1182

(844) 272-0047 Fax
www.82ndairborneassociation.org

MAY 2016 BULLETIN NO. 652

- 1. 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Registrations continue to be received 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 to the March/April 2016 Bulletin and is available on our website at: www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.

Remember to send your Delegate hotel registrations and payments to the Kentucky Chapter and the Delegate forms to the National Office. Included in the Spring 2016 Paraglide, and also posted online, is the 70th Convention Book Ad and Specifications Rate page. This allows Chapters, Members and businesses the opportunity to support the Association. The Deadline for submission is 20 July 2016.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2016 (AAW):** This year's AAW is shaping up to be one of the best ever. Having recently returned from Iraq, the Division Headquarters is going all out to make this AAW a great event for the Troopers and the Veterans. If you have not been back to Ft Bragg in a while, this is definitely the year to return. The registration and flyer have been published in the Winter and Spring Paraglides, and are available at our website at: www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. Please be sure to use the hotel POC when making hotel reservations. Don't wait too long as rooms are filling up.

We have just updated the dates and times for more of the Division events and they are posted on the website. Even if you have already looked over the schedule and information files before, please look again this weekend for updates. Our Social event will have many special guests joining us that will make this event even more special than usual.

Registration for AAW is on-line and can be paid for on-line or by write-in application. We are also offering annual AAW coins that can be purchased with your registration or at the AAW registration desk. 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. If you have them shipped, there is a \$6.45 shipping charge for up to 10 coins. Don't wait too long to order your coins as we will not be ordering more. So when they are sold out, the opportunity will be gone.

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.

"America's Guard of Honor"

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



Auction Baskets: Please notify National of your Chapter's participation in the Auctions planned throughout AAW. Last year, we did all auctions after the Association's Social on Thursday. This year, we will be having nightly auctions in the hospitality room, as well as at the Social on Thursday. To date, we have only been notified by a few Chapters of their participation. We have asked Chapters to donate a basket which reflects the uniqueness of their state. No basket is too big or too small. Your support is greatly appreciated. Last year we had a wonderful final turnout and a great response to the baskets. We are looking forward to the same this year. Please be sure to include a list of the items in your basket.

3. **2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** If you have not yet sent in the 2015 Chapter Financial Statements, you must submit them immediately as the extension deadline is quickly approaching. Any Statements not received 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	Gateway
Oklahoma All Airborne	North Central Florida	London Bridge	Badger State
Cornhusker	Lehigh Valley	Texas Lone Star	Jacksonville
Rocky Mountain	Washington, DC	Orlando Florida	Central Jersey
South Florida	Don Lassen/Atlanta	Evergreen State	Lew Millet MOH
Dan Campbell	Greater Daytona	Tampa Bay	Greater Rochester
COL Reuben Tucker	CPL Edward Slavin	CSM Verdugo	Southern Wisconsin
North Jersey	GEN M B Ridgway	Lobo All Abn	Kentucky ABN
John Towle/Cleveland	1SG Leonard Funk	Central Ohio	Niagara Frontier
Hadjak/Mokan-Phi	Low Country	North Texas	West Virginia
Hampton Roads	Walter Hughes/Tri-State	Blue Ridge	Akron
San Diego All ABN	Northern Arizona	Mid-America	Acadiana
Vulcan Chapter	Central Pennsylvania	SGM Pusateri	West Palm County
James Etherton/Detroit	Tillman Beikes	Benavidez-Patterson	South Texas
508 ABN Chapter	Western Upper-Peninsula	Mid-Michigan	Idaho
Montana All ABN	Northeastern Pennsylvania	Losado-Rubio	Toledo
Ben Vandervoort/SAH/HHI	Phoenix Joseph Schwan	Cohort	Chicago
Virginia State	Southern Arizona	New York Chapter	307 ENG BN
John Steele	Cincinnati		

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

- a. 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*.

"America's Guard of Honor"

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



- b. 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.
- c. 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. Proposed changes are *due 29 July 2016*.
- d. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 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	*Justin Holmes	*Larry Slavicek
*Joe Steen	Randy Glancy	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. **DIVISION CHAPLAIN’S FOOD LOCKER SUPPORT**: This month the Association will again be supporting the stocking of the Chaplain’s Food Locker. This is a project that the Association had supported in the past and it is now in need of our assistance. The Association is dedicated to ensuring that the Food Locker remains stocked for the Troopers. This will be a great way for the Association to make a direct impact on the lives of the Troopers and Families of the Division and we are very pleased that we can help make a difference.
- 7. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG**:
 - a. Paratroopers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, along with German paratroopers, conducted jump operations on Sicily drop zone, May 4, at Fort Bragg, NC. The jump was part of Operation Federal Eagle, an annual operation, which gives paratroopers the opportunity to build on relationships and interoperability with their German counterparts.
 - b. Congratulations to the [307th Brigade Support Battalion](#) on winning the Philip A. Connelly competition and having the best Team in the Army. The Philip A. Connelly program for Army dining facilities was established in March 1968. It is named in honor of the late Philip A. Connelly, a former International Food Service Executive Association President, who was responsible for obtaining IFSEA sponsorship of Army food service awards.
 - c. Congratulations to Capt. Jason Bahmer, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, and Sgt. 1st Class David Rizo, 37th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd BCT, for winning the 2016 Best Sapper Competition held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, April 17 – 21.

“America’s Guard of Honor”

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



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 at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision/?fref=ts> .

8. **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.

The Executive Director is hoping to pay special tribute to the loss of any of our WW II Veterans who were so instrumental to the chartering of our Association. If a WW II Veteran from your Chapter passes, please include a special tribute, including some of their military history, into your chapter newsletter for inclusion into the Paraglide.

9. **E-NEWS BULLETIN:** If you are not already receiving the E-News Bulletin please subscribe to this publication by going to the Association's webpage 'What's New' link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html>. By subscribing you will receive articles of interest concerning Ft Bragg, the 82d Airborne Division, Veterans issues and other information from around the Military.
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. **54th All Ohio Days, 6-8 October 2016:** is at Miamisburg, OH and is hosted by the GEN M B Ridgway Chapter. POC is Treasurer Dan Lee 859-371-1001. The host hotel is Double Tree Suites 937-531-5004.
- Please be sure to notify National of upcoming events so that we can let all 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 at our 70th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
12. **OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION 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 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!

"America's Guard of Honor"

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



- 13. ARMED FORCES DAY:** Show your pride and patriotism by displaying our American Flag, and remember to pay tribute to all in uniform and show our support for them and their Families. I want to thank all of you for your service to our great Nation.
- 14. MEMORIAL DAY:** On Memorial Day let us remember all the brave men and women who gave their lives to ensure we are able to enjoy the freedoms they have provided us. All gave some.... Some gave all.... Remember them this Memorial Day.
- 15. NEW DATABASE INFORMATION:** We at National know that the new membership lists that we have sent you may have names duplicated, members who are no longer in your Chapters, annual members that are listed as Life members and other issues contained in them. The problem comes in how the new database translates the data from the old database. I know how hard our Chapters have worked on cleaning up their lists and I apologize for this inconvenience, but I assure you it will be worth it in the end. Those members that are listed as Life members, but are not, do not have Life member numbers or cards, and will still come up on the delinquent list when their membership expires. The National office was able to clear up thousands of the duplicates, but the ones we were unable to distinguish the proper information on we are hoping to get the correct information from the Chapters.

Once completed, the new database will give us many of the capabilities that the Chapters have requested in the past. It will now automatically send you updated reports every 12 weeks, and once we have cleared up all the discrepancies, we will set it to automatically generate and send reports to the Chapters once a month. Please understand that it will take us some time to enter all the corrections you send us, so it may take a couple of reports before we have made all the corrections. We will notify Chapters as their rosters are updated. We are hoping to get some volunteers over the summer to help us complete this task quicker.

Again, in the long run, this database will help us to better service the Chapters and our members, and will allow us to be more responsive to your requests. Please be patient with us in this time of transition.

- 16. CHAPTER EMAIL ACCOUNTS:** As our new database comes fully on line, we will also have our own email server that will allow us to set up email accounts for all of our Chapters. This will allow us to send all Chapter information to one source which will not change every time Chapter officers change, and can allow Chapters to give several members access to that email account to stay informed on what is going on directly. When Chapter officers change, you can simply change the password to the email account if you feel the need. By doing this, it will eliminate the chance of email addresses not being changed in the system in a timely manner, and will ensure your continued receipt of Chapter information without delay. It will also assist us by not having to make changes constantly to the system, and the possibility of getting email accounts wrong and having to contact you to clear the issue up.

“America’s Guard of Honor”

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



Once this server comes on line, we will send each Chapter Chairman their Chapter email address and password. We will also send instructions on how to change the password to one of your choosing and we are always available to help you through the process, if you need us.

Since this email address will only be for communication between the Chapter and the National office, you can share the account with others in your Chapter, such as your Secretary or Treasurer, to allow them to correspond with the National office for Chapter member applications, sending reports, etc. This does not mean that Chapter members cannot communicate with our office using their own email accounts. It only means that all Chapter business will be conducted using the provided Chapter email account. We are not at this stage yet, but wanted to inform you now so that if there are any questions or concerns, we can address them now.

17. THANK YOU: Once again, I want to thank all the Chapters for your hard work in making this Association the outstanding organization that it is. As I read the Chapter articles in the Paraglide, I am in awe at the things our Chapters are doing out there to perpetuate the Airborne spirit in their communities. I can't say enough how proud it makes me to be a part of this Association, and to have the opportunity to serve in this Association with you great All Americans. AATW!

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish every Mothers within our Association a Happy Mother's Day. Please remember to thank all Mother's for all that they do.

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.

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE
National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

“America's Guard of Honor”

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ