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

- 1. USAA CASTING CALL:** USAA is looking for members of our Association to see if they would be interested in being part of a USAA insurance commercial. USAA is casting members for a new auto insurance TV commercial! If you are a veteran, age 45+ and have a unique story of your interaction with USAA, please email InfoGathering@R2Cgroup.com. Include your contact info, military branch/rank, which USAA products you have, and a brief summary of your experience with USAA.
- 2. 2019 CONVENTION:** The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is being hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Operation Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, and will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The web link is: <https://bit.ly/2RPAa1r> The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is also available on our website under "Events". The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.

- 3. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. Registration for AAW 2019 is open. This event is booking up quickly. Get your reservations NOW. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under "Events". **If you have not registered with the hotel for a room, they are all booked up, but the hotel is arranging overflow rooms at a hotel off post, and they will arrange transportation from the overflow hotel to Moon Hall. For rooms, please do not contact the National Office; please contact the Hotel directly.** Registration for AAW 2019 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in registration which is located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110. After May 13th, the price of registration increases to \$125. If you have

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already registered, and supplied your email address, you will be receiving an email confirmation of your registration with a draft of the AAW schedule and any updates we have. We will continue to update you until the event begins. If you register after 13 May and during AAW, the registration fee will be \$125.

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.

4. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2019:

- a. Funding of WW II Veterans to 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy (This project has been fully funded through Corporate Donations)
- b. Funding of WW II Veterans at 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC (we will need to accomplish this project through corporate and individual donations).
- c. All American Adventure sending 20 82nd Troopers for 4-day trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment (This project event has been fully funded. All funding for this project has been achieved.)
- d. Holiday Troop Support provides 1000 meals to Troopers and their Families (will be accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
- e. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year (will be accomplished through corporate donations).
- f. Free tracked wheelchair for an 82nd Veteran with catastrophic injuries incurred in combat post 9/11 (this projected has been fully funded through organization donation).
- g. This summer our Division will again be deploying Troopers to Afghanistan and the Association will be looking for ways to support them during their deployment.

- 5. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** As you can see the Association is working on numerous projects to better the lives of our Active Duty and Veteran Members, and our fund raising through corporate donations is going well, but we still need the support of our Local Chapters and Association Members to complete the funding on all projects and to help sponsor other projects for our Active Duty and Veteran Members. Help your Association in our efforts to continue to serve our Airborne Family by donating to the Association General Fund. Every little bit helps. We need your support for projects and to help the Association grow as we take on more projects in support of our Airborne Community. Thank you for your support.

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To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association’s Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

6. **CHAPTER DELEGATES FOR 2019 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 Convention by 26 July 2019. A sample Delegate Certification form can be found on our website: Quick Links / Forms & Resources / Chapter Continuity

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 to be addressed at AAW, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2019. We will include these in the Delegates’ agenda.

7. **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 2019, 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.

Completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

Laurie Clay

*Richard Becker

Steve Holcomb

*Garfield Lyons

Gary Covey

Jose Perez-Ortiz

8. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** When your Chapter elects new Officers please notify the National Office so that we can update our records. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer (EVEN IF THERE ARE

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NO CHANGES) to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.

9. 2018 & 2019 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 2018 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2019 should have arrived at the National Headquarters by 15 March, 2019. If you have not submitted your reports please do so ASAP. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. ***These reports are not optional and are required annually to stay in compliance with the IRS.*** Thank you to those chapters who have submitted your report. If you have not, please submit it asap!

10. 2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: 2018 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, via the Chapter email account. ***If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.*** We have received an *extension until 15 May 2019*. If the National Office does not receive your financial report, your chapter will be responsible for filing its own tax return. To date, we have received a Financial Statement from the following chapters:

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| 1SG Leonard Funk MOH | Acadiana | Akron |
| Benavidez-Patterson AA | Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI | Blue Ridge AA |
| Central New York | Central Ohio AA | Central Pennsylvania |
| Chicago | Cincinnati AA | Cohort |
| COL Reuben Tucker | CPL Edward Slavin | CSM Ray Verdugo |
| Dan Campbell AA | Don Lassen/Atlanta | Evergreen State |
| Gateway | GEN Ridgway | GEN Via AA Signal |
| Golden Gate | Greater Daytona | Greater Rochester NY AA |
| Hampton Roads All Services | John Steele | John Towle MOH-Cleveland |
| Kentucky Airborne | Lehigh Valley | Lew Millett MOH |
| Low Country AA | Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR | LTG James Gavin |
| Mid-America | New York | Niagara Frontier |
| North Central Florida | Northeastern Pennsylvania | North Jersey |
| North Texas | Oklahoma AA | Rocky Mountain |
| San Diego AA | San Joaquin Valley | Southern Arizona |
| Southern California | Southern Wisconsin | Southern Florida AA |
| South Texas | St. Michael’s AA | Tampa Bay AA |
| Texas Lone Star | Virginia State | Walter Hughes/Tri-State |
| Washington DC | Cal-Nevada AA | Jacksonville AA |

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- 11. USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. Chapter forms do not always relay the correct information and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of January 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.
- 12. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the Quick Links / Forms & Resources folder on our website to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter continuity and Chapter startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.
- 13. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Chapter Activities Report - 15 Mar 2019. (PAST DUE)
 - b. Financial reports - 10 Apr 2019. (PAST DUE – extension to 25 May 2019)
 - c. Requests for Delegates at AAW 2019 - 1 May 2019.
 - d. 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 2019* to Chairman/Director Ed Herlihy. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Herlihy.
 - e. National Director Nominations - 1 Jun 2019
 - f. 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 July 2019*.
 - g. 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 *1 Jul 2019*.
 - h. Communication & Public Relations Award Program - Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2018* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
 - i. Requests for Delegates at Convention 2109 - 26 Jul 2019.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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 82nd 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

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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!

- 16. 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>
- 17. 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/or on the Association's website at the following link 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. 57th Annual All Ohio Days, 11-13 October 2019 in Lockburne, Ohio is hosted by the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Andrew Ritter at 937-570-5603 or Tom Simmons at 910-987-7467. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus at Sciota Downs in Lockburne, reservations 614-491-3800.
 - b. Hilton Head Weekend, 19-22 October 2019 in Hilton Head, South Carolina is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/HHI All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Eberle at 843-682-4171; email - airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. HOTEL RESERVATIONS 888-511-5086, <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>
- 18. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd 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.
- 19. 5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 5th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73rd 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 and can be mailed to the National Office.
- 20. 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!

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President Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses want to wish everyone a Happy Easter Holiday!

We want to thank all our Members for their service and their support in the success of their Chapters and the National Association. It will take a combined effort of us all to insure the success of our Association. Please, always remember our deployed Troopers and their Families. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they stand in harm's way to protect our Nation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary J. Rezabek".

Gary Rezabek
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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