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

- 1. 76th ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association 76th Annual Convention will be 10-13 August 2022, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The Association has held numerous Conventions at this awesome Hotel and Convention Center. This year we are including a weblink on our website at: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>. This website will provide our registered Convention Members with links to discounted attractions throughout Orlando. It also includes discounts at restaurants and shops in Orlando for Members with our 82nd Airborne Division Association Convention name tags that are provided at the Association Registration Desk (Registration Desk 1) upon check-in at the Convention. Our registered Members will receive discounts in Orlando that have been arranged by your 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Association Registration is \$150 per person and covers food, snacks and drinks in the hospitality room and 2 formal dinners – the Memorial Dinner and the Airborne Banquet. Association Registration must be received by 25 July 2022. After July 25, 2022, the Association registration fee will be \$175 per person.

The Rosen Centre Hotel is offering room rates at \$89 per night, plus tax. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 800-204-7234 (ref: 82nd Airborne Division Association) or online at: [Rosen Centre Hotel Reservations](#)



Hotel rates are for registered members only. Please make your reservations early as space is limited. Please note that the hotel reservation cutoff is July 8, 2022.

Online Registration and mail in Registration forms for the 2022 Convention are available online at <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2022: AAW 2022 HAS BEEN POSTPONED.** All registered Members have been emailed or called to notify them of the postponement. The new dates for AAW 2022 are **26-29 September 2022**. This year's AAW schedule will change from the past few years when we celebrated AAW. There will be a Division Review on Pike Field (just as it was done prior to 2015). The Division Review will include our Veterans, as has been the tradition. Because it will be a more formal event, we ask that all members wishing to march in the review bring appropriate attire, i.e., slacks and polo shirt. We will attach the schedule to our website events page when it becomes available. Registration is still \$125 per person. Mail in registrations must be received by 7 September 2022. After 7 September 2022, registration will increase to \$150 per person. The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 29 September, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 26 September and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 28 September, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 26-29 September. Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk located in one of the suites on the first floor at Moon Hall.

"America's Guard of Honor"

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
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Hotel reservations have been cancelled for May and arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall) for September. The Registered Member rates are \$82.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes a buffet breakfast. Rooms for

individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms: IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall), Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) Ihgarmyhotels.com, Group code: AAW. If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not receive the discounted hotel rates, nor be able to stay in our block of rooms! There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at AAW. A great time will be had by all and you don't want to miss this!

Online Registration and mail in Registration forms for All American Week are available online at <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

- 3. 2021 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: PAST DUE.** The 2021 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be filed by all Chapters, were emailed to the Chapter email in January 2022 and were **due to the National Office by 10 April 2022.**

If your Financial Statement has not been received, you must file separately, at the cost of the Chapter. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please send notification, on letterhead and signed by the Chairman, to the National Officer that the Chapter has complied with the filing requirement. Chapters that fail to file tax returns with the IRS are subject to having the Board of Directors remove their Charter and close the Chapter.

The following chapters have submitted their Financial Report for 2021 – Thank you:

San Joaquin Valley	Greater Hartford	Washington DC
Greater Daytona AA	Don Lassen/Atlanta AA	Central Ohio AA
Gateway	Mid-America	St. Michael's AA
NJ CPL Steven Koch AA	Central NY AA	Oklahoma AA
1SG Funk MOH Western PA	Lozado/Rubio/Conde-PR	Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI
Texas Lone Star	Blue Ridge AA	Evergreen State
Badger State	Lehigh Valley	CPL Ed Slavin
Acadiana	Central PA	GEN Dennis Via AA Signal
Greater Rochester NY AA	Hampton Roads All Service	John Steele
Kentucky Airborne	Low Country AA	New York
Niagara Frontier AA	North Central Florida AA	Rocky Mountain
San Diego AA	South Florida AA	South Texas
Southern Arizona	Tampa Bay AA	Virginia State
Chicago	Cohort	COL Reuben Tucker



Golden Gate
James Etherton Detroit
North Texas
Benavidez-Patterson AA
Tillman Beikes Indianapolis AA

Hajdak/Mokan Philadelphia
Lew Millet MOH Memorial
Northeastern PA
Southern WI
Walter Hughes/Tri-State/Mid-Hudson

Idaho AA
LTG James Gavin
Northern MI AA
Vulcan

4. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our 2021 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 needed funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2022 will take funding and you know the huge importance and value in continuing these projects. With your help, we can continue to realize the success of all our upcoming projects that will continue to show our support to the Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.
5. **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 2022, 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. *Please submit this information in paragraph form, not bullet points.*

This year, six (6) 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):

*Gary Covey
Cletus Slabach

Randall Johnson
*Joseph Steen

*Andrew Ritter
*Larry Stewart

6. **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. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2022. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org
7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2022 AAW AND 2022 CONVENTION:** As per the 82nd Airborne Division Association By Laws, Article IV, Section 7, the Chapter Chairman or a designated representative must attend Delegate meetings of the Association. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend the Convention by 20 July 2022. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Resources on the Quick Links button. Forms and Resources are located at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html> and on the Events page. If a Chapter cannot send a Delegate, the Chapter Chairman must send a notice, addressed to the National President, requesting to be excused from the Delegate meeting. The letter can be mailed or emailed to the National Office. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and



Education Fund By-Laws, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which are available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues, please include a 2-3 *sentence summary* on the Delegate Certification. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

Since AAW is postponed until after the Convention there will be no Delegates meeting for AAW as we will have completed a Delegates meeting at Convention in August.

8. **NEW ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES:** In our efforts to make a greater difference in the lives of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and their Families, our Association is providing more educational scholarships to our 82nd Airborne Family. In coordination with the 82nd Airborne Division Association, we have initiated the 82nd Fallen Trooper Family Fund to provide scholarships to Spouses of Troopers lost while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. For more information, and applications, go to: www.82FTFF.org . If you know a spouse that this scholarship could help, please direct them to this website. "We Will Not Forget".

We are also providing scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers Killed In Action (KIA), Killed In Training (KIT), or In Line Of Duty (ILOD), while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. We can also provide scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers with a service connected disability. All these scholarships relate to Troopers serving post 9/11. For more information, you can contact our National Office.

9. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2022:

- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division 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. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82nd Fallen Trooper Fund.

- 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 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. **All American Adventure 2022:** The plan is to send twenty 82nd Airborne Division 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 2023:** This year will be our 7th 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.



10. 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.

11. 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).

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

- a. **1 February 2022** – Chapter Officers for 2022. **PAST DUE.** Update if Officers change within the year of 2022. (click or go to link for form <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). *This report needs to be fully completed, even if there are no changes from the previous year!*
- b. **1 February 2022** - 2021 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2022 Chapter Schedule. **PAST DUE.**
(click or go to link for form <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>)
- c. **10 April 2022** – **PAST DUE.** Chapter financial reports due to National Office (emailed to each Chapter’s email account in January).
- d. **1 June 2022** - Nominations for 2023 National Director.
- e. **1 July 2022** – Nominations for All American of the Year 2022 Award.
- f. **1 July 2022** - Communication & Public Relations Award Program entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP.
- 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>).

11. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHAPTERS: Chapters need to be cautious when using images, cartoons, etc., that are found on the internet, on your websites, newsletters, etc. If it has a copyright, you can be leaving yourselves open to litigation. This has happened to a Chapter recently and we hope to avoid other Chapters from having to deal with this issue. Always search to ensure items do not have a copyright prior to using.



12. **2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: **1 February 2022 (PAST DUE)**. We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form. **The completed list must be submitted every year whether there are changes or not.**
13. **2021/2022 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: **1 February 2022 (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 2021 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2022, is a requirement. We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form.
14. **2021 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: **10 April 2022 (PAST DUE)**. 2021 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be filed by all Association Chapters, have been emailed to the Chapter email accounts in January. If your Chapter has not sent the Financial Statement to the National Office, you must now file separately, at the cost of the Chapter. The National Office must receive notification, on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman, that the Chapter has filed their taxes separately from the Association. The notification can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or mailed to the office.
15. **CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS**: Certain reports are required Chapter documents that **MUST** be sent to the National Office, and the suspense dates are posted in the above paragraphs. **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 are subject to closure by the Board of Directors. *We have created a standard form for all required annual reports. Please use only that form, which is available on our website:* <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>. If the necessary information is not included in the reports or the standardized reports are not used, the Chapter will be asked to resubmit with the required information or on the correct form.
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. **82nd 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 . When applying online, once you are approved for a card, you will be given the



choice of adding the Airborne design. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

19. 8th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We have begun our 8th Annual 50/50 Raffle. Let's make our 8th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2022, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 76th 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, on the main page, and 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 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 and Mrs. Copenig, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish to thank all Members for their service, and wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day!



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 hope that we will be able to see you again soon at National and Chapter events. We ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers as our Troopers deploy to do our Nation's missions.

Steve Copenig
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director