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- 2018 CONVENTION:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to host the 72nd annual National Convention, with the help of the Greater Daytona Chapter assisting with the hospitality room. Registration is \$110.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room a night (max 4 persons per room). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to <https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.ashx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airborne&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018> Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel, and all the amazing attractions in Orlando, Florida. For registration and more information please go to the Convention link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> For those requesting bus transportation to the Drop Zone for the 82nd Airborne Division Training jump there will be an additional charge of \$15 per person and it must be requested in advance as busses will only be available for those who have paid for transportation prior to the Convention.
- 71st CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES AND SURVEY:** The minutes from the Association meetings have been emailed to each Chapter email account, and are posted online at the Association website under the Quick Links – Forms & Resources <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/convention.html> . The minutes of the Delegates, Education Fund and Wounded Warrior meetings held at the 2017 Convention are provided separately. Those minutes have also been email to the Chapter email accounts, and posted on our website.

Those who attended the Convention and registered an email address were sent a survey and their comments and the response from National is posted. Overall, the attendees had a great time and offered some great comments for us to work on for next year. Thank you for taking the time to offer us your insights.
- SHARING OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE CHAPTERS BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE:** Most of our Chapter Officers are doing a great job and do a super job of publishing Chapter Newsletters and keeping their members informed. This message is for those others who only relay the message that they want relayed to their Chapter Members. During the Membership meeting at the 2017 Convention, it became apparent that there are Chapter Officers, and Members, who are not sharing the information provided by the National Office to the Chapter Members. Because of this, there are many Members who were not informed of major initiatives of the Association. Information provided by the National Office for the Members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is not to be filtered or censored by Chapter Officers for any reason. Our Members deserve to hear the information provided by the Association in its totality so they can form their own opinions, and not hear only what the Chapter

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Officers care to share. There have been many calls for the Association to share information and to be as transparent as possible. We are going to great lengths to accomplish this, but it is impossible if there will be those receiving the information who take it upon themselves to give the Members only the information that they care to post. This is not how our Association is designed to work. As Members, if you are not getting information from your Chapter Officers, please go our website at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/>, or sign up for our E-news bulletins to be delivered to your email account. Our monthly bulletins are posted in both places, and can be read in their entirety. We are putting out a lot of information and we want you to be informed so that you can be an eager participant in the Association.

If there are questions related to how the Association is conducting business, please call, email or go to “Contact Us” on our website, and send us your questions. The Association will be posting a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) link on our website in which we will post questions and answers to questions asked that concern everyone in the Association. We will also copy them to the end of our monthly bulletins. Chapter Chairmen, if you want the right answer to what is going on, please contact us. So, please understand that the Association is doing its best to post information and will address any question raised. If the question is not asked, you can’t say we won’t answer it!

4. **VETERANS’ DAY 2017:** The National Headquarters, along with the Washington, DC Chapter and the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, invite all our Members to join us in wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery and the National Mall to honor all the fallen of the 82nd Airborne Division in our 100th year anniversary of the Division. If you have never attended this event, you must attend at least once so that you can appreciate this solemn event. If you have attended in the past, please rejoin us in paying tribute to the fallen of the Division. Registration and complete information is available online at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
5. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018:** Once a year the 82nd Airborne Division welcomes back its Veterans and treats them to an awesome week of comradery. Due to popular demand, we are starting registration for AAW early again for AAW 2018. The registration and flyer are published in the Fall Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. If you missed last year’s event, you have probably already heard how fantastic it was. Don’t miss it again. If you attended last year, you know what a great event it is and what a great time you will have. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers and Sisters on Sicily Drop Zone. We hope to have hundreds participate again. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises another spectacular meal. I can’t tell you how excited we all are about hosting AAW for our Veterans, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year’s event. Don’t be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes go nowhere unless you act on them.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There will also be a 2018 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at

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AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line for those not attending AAW and you can have them shipped to you or those attending AAW can pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coins will be available for viewing on our website so check them out. We hope to have a representation of the coin available on the website shortly.

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, 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.

6. **IRS NOTIFICATIONS:** Once again, the IRS is sending letters to some of our Chapters stating that their Form 990 has not been sent in. We have confirmed with our accountant that all forms have been turned in and were on time. If you receive one of these notification, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail. Our accountant is working to correct this issue
7. **CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** All Chapters who had not filed their 2016 financial statement with the Associations group filing or sent verification that your Chapter had filed separately have received a letter from the Association stating that you have 60 days from receipt of the letter to contact the National Office concerning this matter. That letter was sent on 21 September 2017. We are sending a follow up email out this week. If we have no response from the Chapters by 21 November 2017, we will move forward with Chapter closures.
8. **NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH:** We are intent on providing assistance to deserving students and troopers returning to civilian life. Please keep in mind that November is Educational Fund Month. Please make an extra effort to canvass local businesses to solicit funds. Remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the address on the applications.
9. **DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT":** We have still not reached our goal for donations for the "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. We will work with the Division Chaplain's office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82nd Airborne Division Troops. This project was a huge success last year and we accomplished our goal of providing 1,000 meals over the Holiday season. Our office still receives thanks from Families for last year's donations. Let's make this year as big a success and provide the Troopers and their Families with another 1,000 meals donated by the Association. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. If donations exceed what is needed for these meals, the additional funds will be reserved for next year so that we may continue this tradition. For those who have already donated, we thank you for your kind support of the Troops. For those who would like to donate, please send a check with "Holiday Troop Support" marked at the bottom or you can use the donate button on

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our website and annotate “Holiday Troop Support” in the “Put my donation towards” line. This program will have a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers. Thank you for your support.

10. STATUS OF 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS: We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but we will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.

11. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. 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

12. E-NEWS BULLETIN: 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 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!

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

14. NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

Executive Director Bill Bauer - execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information from Chapters concerning questions from Chapter Chairmen, by-laws, by-law changes, Chapter start-ups or Chapter shut-downs, serious infractions by Association members, assistance from the National Office in running Chapter events, Chapter refunds for new and renewed memberships, donations, and any information the Chapter Chairmen deems necessary for the Executive Director’s attention.

Executive Secretary Laura Bauer – execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information on Chapter financial statements, Chapter reports, Chapter events, TAPS submissions, arranging appointments, questions concerning our website, submission requests for items to be placed on our website, facebook and in the Paraglide (Not for submission of your Chapter Paraglide Article. They will continue to be sent to the Paraglide Editor), questions on All American Week registration, and any information that Chapters would like communicated to the entire Association.

Administrative Assistant Lory Johnston– admin@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for all information concerning membership. New membership, membership renewals, changes to membership

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information, submission of membership report changes, and any other information concerning membership.

- 15. MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER REQUEST:** The Officers of the Mississippi Chapter are unable to continue in their positions and have been unable to find replacements. If there is any member of the Mississippi Chapter who wants to help to keep this Chapter from closing by assuming an Officer position please contact the National Office.
- 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:** 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 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. 2017 Veteran's Day Event, 9-11 Nov 2017, Arlington Cemetery, and the National Mall. The host hotel is the **Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Towne South**, 5821 Richmond Highway, in Alexandria, VA. POC for the event is the National office at (910) 223-1182
 - b. 10th Anniversary Hilton Head Weekend, 22-25 February 2018 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is **Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa** 888-511-5086 or online at <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne>
- 18. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We are gearing up to make our 4th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 72nd National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter!
- 19. 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 or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Herlihy and First Lady Joanne, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and wish them a Happy Veterans Day. They also wish all Members and their families a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving.

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Remember, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are preparing to deploy this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We look forward to their safe return.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Ed Herlihy".

T. Ed Herlihy
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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