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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 .
- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2016:** All American Week is scheduled for 23-26 May 2016. We have again arranged for rooms at the Airborne Inn-Moon Hall Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg, NC 28310 (910) 396-396-7700 x1712 (POC: Ms. Monica Wells, www.ihgarmyhotels.com from 22-27 May. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations and use *group code: ABD*. The Association Dinner Social is scheduled for May 26. The AAW Registration and AAW flyer will be posted on our website next week. As we get closer to the event, we will post a schedule of events.
- 3. CLARIFICATION OF CHAPTER VERIFICATION FORMS:** There seems to be a misunderstanding by some members of the reason the Association is requesting to see DD214s on current members as in some way questioning our membership's qualification or service. This could not be further from the truth. As explained in a letter to the Chairman, the only purpose of the form will be to verify the members Time In Service (TIS) in order to verify the Association's non-profit status to the IRS, and the form will also identify those members whom we have lost touch with, in order to allow the Association the opportunity to attempt to reestablish communications with them. We will not be collecting DD214s from members to be stored at National Headquarters, but only need them to be verified by your Chapter Chairman for the TIS.

The use of the verification forms, the information that is needed for verification within the document, and the reasoning for requesting this information, was explained at the general membership meeting during the 2015 Convention, and voted on for inclusion into our By-laws by a unanimous vote of the members. Please understand that whereas our membership has decided that this is for the better of the Association, by placing it in our By-laws, it is now a requirement for maintaining membership in the Association. I hope that as this subject is clarified there will be a better understanding of the Association's need to make this change in order to improve our organization. Chapter rosters are currently being processed and will begin being sent out shortly.

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- 4. CLARIFICATION OF NEEDED DOCUMENTS FOR NEW MEMBERS:** It has also come to my attention that there is confusion on what documents are needed in order to prove eligibility for membership in the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and that some believe that any of the documents listed in Art. II, Sec. 1, Para. C, can be used as a standalone document to prove eligibility. There are two mandatory items needed for membership eligibility as a Regular Member of the Association, which are having “honorably served with, the 82nd Airborne Division, United States Army, under competent orders”, as stated in Art. II, Sec. 1, Para. C, line 1. As stated, you must have:
- a. Honorably served
 - b. Served with the 82nd Airborne Division (to be a Regular Member of the Association)
 - *c. Proof of completion of Basic Airborne School (having been awarded the Parachutist Badge)

*The third item (c) will gain eligibility into the Association, but as an Associate Member, not a Regular Member. Also, the third item is not necessary for personnel who were assigned or attached to the 82nd Airborne Division.

The only document on the list provided in the By-laws that can possibly prove all three requirements is the DD214, as it will specify character of service (the only official document that does so), award of the Parachutist Badge, and if the applicant exits from the military while in the 82nd Airborne Division it will be annotated in the last duty station line. Since some DD214s do not have all the items specified, there may be a need for other documentation to be presented, and the list provided in Art. II, Sec. 1, Para. C, gives examples of what documents may be provided for consideration. In no way does that list of acceptable documents specify that only one of those documents will be accepted to prove eligibility. What you should get from the By-laws is what is needed to be verified in order to become a member, and then you can use that list to figure out which documents will achieve that goal.

- 5. 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.
- 6. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**
- a. Hundreds of U.S. paratroopers were honored in a ceremony in Zaragoza, Spain for their role in the biggest NATO exercise in more than a decade.

The 82nd Airborne Division’s jump into Spain capped a massive 1,800-troop NATO demonstration on November 4. About 500 U.S. paratroopers from 2nd Brigade jumped into the San Gregorio Exercise and Training Area along with 23 Spanish paratroopers, a culminating

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event at the end of the two-week “Trident Juncture 2015”, a land, maritime and air exercise involving 36,000 troops from over 30 countries.

- b. U.S. Army Paratroopers from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, along with other units attached as part of a task force, conduct training during Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation 16-02. During this training event, Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, patrol down the streets of Tofani, Atropia, a scenario based town at Fort Polk, La., Nov. 5, 2015. These 1st CAV Soldiers are supporting 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division in their train up for the assumption of the Global Response Force. During this patrol scouts were attacked by enemy forces but were able to fight them off.

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.

7. **POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** Please notify National of your Chapter's major one day events so that they can be posted on the Association website and facebook page. Please submit your flyers to National so that they may be approved for posting. However, only events lasting 2 or more days will be posted in the Paraglide. They will only be placed on the website through the National office after the approval process.
8. **NEW DATABASE FOR THE ASSOCIATION:** Over the past several months the Association has had the support of several volunteers and company sponsors in building a new member system (CRM). CRM is now being used and can already accomplish everything the old database could do and more. In the future it will provide online data to Chapters, and new membership processing time to be cut drastically. It will also give us the ability to email important information to *all* our members directly, provided we have your email address, so please send us your email address if you have not already done so, or if it has changed. There are many new capabilities which will be coming on-stream over the next few months, all aimed at providing enhanced services to the Chapters and Members, as well as, of course, providing the necessary accountability to the IRS with a minimum of work on our part. We will keep you informed as the work on it progresses. Thank you for being patient with us during the transition period.
9. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** The E-News bulletin is a way for all members of the Association to be kept informed of news articles related to Fort Bragg, the Airborne Community and the Army at large. Starting this month all members with an e-mail address will be receiving this bulletin, under the title “82nd Airborne Division E-News” as a benefit to membership in the Association. It is a great way of staying informed of what's happening within the Division through only two emails a month, and we are sure you will enjoy this information. There is no obligation to purchase anything, and if for any reason you do not enjoy this bulletin you can easily unsubscribe through the link provided at the bottom of the email. Thank you for your support.

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- 10. CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer changes to National as soon as possible so that we can update the Paraglide and the Association website.
- 11. 2015 & 2016 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 2015 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2016 should arrive at the National Headquarters by January 30, 2016. Thank you for your continued support!
- 12. 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION TRAINING MEMORIAL:** The Association is fully supporting the efforts of the Division to erect a Memorial to those Troopers who have lost their lives, during training, while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. Please go to the “what’s new” page of our website for information on how you can donate to this worthy cause.
- 13. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations. 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.
- 14. ASSOCIATION DATABASE/CHAPTER ROSTERS:** National has been hard at work modernizing and updating our membership database. Chapter rosters are currently being processed and will begin being sent out shortly. At the beginning of 2016 the Chapter verification paperwork will be sent to your Chairman for signature.
- 15. 2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2015 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, will be emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January.
- 16. ANNUAL MEMBER/CHAPTER ROSTER CODES:** As stated in previous Bulletins, we have changed the Chapter Roster Codes for annual members. Annual memberships currently be processed will have month and year codes, for example, Sep16, meaning that the member will become delinquent at the end of September 2016. When you receive your rosters you will see these codes as well as the old codes. As a reminder, according to the old system, membership expires in the year notes as follows:

C1 expires December 31	C2 expires March 30
C3 expires June 30	C4 expires September 30
- 17. 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

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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.

Please be aware that USAA is converting all existing MasterCard accounts to VISA in 2016. The transition will be seamless and have no impact on the current co-branded 82nd Airborne Division Association/USAA cardholders other than a new card being automatically issued.

- 18. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please use the National Application forms, posted on the Association webpage under the membership tab, or make sure that the information contained on your chapter's applications contain the same information. Also, please make sure that **all information is included** on the Application. Many applications are being received with many blanks, including service dates and phone numbers. *One of the most important pieces of information needed is an email address and many applications/renewals leave that part blank.* Please be sure your members include that if they have an account. If they don't have any account, please ask if they have a family member whose account may be used so that all members can receive information and updates. We would appreciate the help of the Chapter Chairpersons in making sure the applications are filled out completely.
- 19. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, it would greatly increase the Association's ability to overcome our financial problems, and better enable us to support the Division's Troopers. Please help the Association in our time of need. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website www.82ndairborneassociation.org. Thank you for your support.
- 20. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT:** This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of each Certificate is \$5.00, which includes shipping and handling.
- 21. 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.
- Mid-Winter Weekend Getaway, 25-28 February 2016 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171 or airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa.
 - 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.

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22. 2nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We are gearing up to make our second Annual 50/50 even more successful than this year's raffle. Attached is the flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2016 during the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 70th National Convention.

23. 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!

24. CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS: The National Office will be closed from 23 December 2015 through 1 January 2016.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and hope they had a Happy Veterans Day and a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving. We wish all our Members and their families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

In addition, we ask that you continue to remember our Armed Forces, especially those deployed, and their families this Holiday Season.

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National President

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