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

- 1. 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:** THE 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, DC, AUG 9-12, 2023. WE ARE WORKING TO LOCK IN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVENT AND WILL BE POSTING INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2023:** The AAW 2023 is 22 – 25 May 2023. Registration is \$150 per person, and will increase to \$175 per person after May 5, 2023, for late registration, so register early! The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 25 May, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 22 May and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 24 May, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 22 - 25 May. Registration forms and online registration will be available by the end of the week. 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.



Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall). The Registered Member rates are \$89.00/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](http://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 will be available online at <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

- 3. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** Please remember all the of the projects that the Association has done in the past and is hoping to continue in 2023. This 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

*“America’s Guard of Honor”*

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



4. **DONATIONS TO “HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT”**: We are once again gearing up for our “Holiday Troop Support” program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. This project has been a huge success over the past six years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1000 meals over the Holiday season. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. For those who would like to donate, please send a check or you can use the donate button on our website. This program is one of our most successful and has a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers and their Families.



Please donate at: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html> or send a check to 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304

Thank you for your support.

5. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS FOR 2023**: On 1 January 2023, the following will be the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association 2023 Board of Directors:

Director Gary Covey	Director Lawrence Slavicek
Director Maggie Peppers	Director William Waller
Director Michael Oesch	Director Brian Severino
Director Joseph Steen	Director Larry Stewart
Director Steven Copening	Director Steven Daugherty
Director William Bell	Director Nero Tucker

6. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2023**:

Director Gary Covey – President	Director Larry Slavicek - Vice President
Director Maggie Peppers – Secretary	Director William Waller - Treasurer

7. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE**: The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2023 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2023. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: [tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org)

8. **NEW ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES**: In our efforts to make a greater difference in the lives of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troopers and their Families, our Association is providing more educational scholarships to our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Family. In coordination with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, we have initiated the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fallen Trooper Family Fund to provide scholarships to Spouses of Troopers lost while assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. For more information, and applications, go to: [www.82FTFF.org](http://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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 2023:

**a. Support for Families of 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and WIAs:** Provide assistance to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fallen Trooper Fund.

**b. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division join the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 2023:** The plan is to send twenty 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.



All American Adventure

**d. Support for deployed Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 will be our 7<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).



- a. Veterans Day Activities, November 9-12, 2022 in Arlington, VA is hosted by the Washington DC Chapter. The host hotel is the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 Orme Street, Arlington, VA. Hotel reservations (800) 325-3535 reservation code: 82<sup>nd</sup> Vets Day). Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
- b. Kentucky Airborne Reunion, February 16-18, 2023 in Lexington, KY is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is the Quality Inn, 1938 Stanton Way, Bldg A, Lexington KY (Hotel reservations: 859-413-2765. Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or <https://www.kentuckyairborne.org/events.html> POC is Bill Waller 502-396-4770

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

- a. **1 February 2023** – Chapter Officers for 2023.
- b. **1 February 2023** – 2022 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2023 Chapter Schedule.
- c. **10 April 2023** – 2022 Chapter financial reports.

**Forms for the above required documents will be mailed in Dec 2022/January 2023.**

**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. 2021 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED):** *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](mailto:execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org) or mailed to the office. 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.*

**13. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**14. 9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** We have begun our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle. Let's make our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 77th 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.



15. **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>
16. **82nd AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.
17. **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 you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Please continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers as our Troopers deploy to do our Nation's missions. We wish them a safe return.



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National President

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