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1. **2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Planning continues for the 70<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kyairbornechapter@yahoo.com). The registration form is attached and is available on our website under Events [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html) .
2. **69<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the Association meetings are posted online at the Association website under the What's New tab [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html) .
3. **PARAGLIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** We are still getting phone calls regarding the publication of the Paraglide. Please notify our members that it was decided that since we did not have enough members interested in subscribing for a hard copy of the Paraglide, we are not going forward with publication. The Paraglide will only be available online. Any Members who have either sent a check or paid via PayPal will receive a refund over the next few weeks.
4. **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.
5. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**
  - a. 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers conducted a Joint Forcible Entry into White Sands Missile Range, NM Sep. 27, 2015 during Network Integration Evaluation 16.1. This exercise focuses on new ideas for technology, tactics and concepts while training and enhancing the Falcon Brigade's capabilities as the Global Response Force.
  - b. On September 29, 2015, CSM LaMarquis Knowles retired after 32 years of service during a ceremony conducted at Stang Field and officiated by LTG John W. Nicholson, Jr. Congratulations and best wishes to CSM (R) Knowles and his family.
  - c. COL Curtis Buzzard and CSM Daniel Gustafson, command team for 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team redeployed to Fort Bragg with more than 300 on September 21. The Paratroopers completed a

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nine-month tour in Iraq in support of Combines Joint Land Component Command – Iraq during Operation Inherent Resolve.

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.

6. **ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** We are now inviting Chapters to post major one day events on the Association website. 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.
7. **E-NEWS BULLETINS: Want to know more about what's going on at Fort Bragg and in the Airborne Community?** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly to find out more about what is going on within the Division. You can do this by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. You do not need to purchase anything, just subscribe and open the email twice a month. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*
8. **EMAIL BURSTS:** Members will also begin receiving an email advertisement once every couple of weeks with items we think members may be interested in. If you do not like receiving these emails, you can simply hit the 'opt out' option in the email and it will no longer be sent to you. We appreciate your support.
9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Please provide Chapter Officer changes to National so that we can update the Paraglide and the Association website.
10. **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** Please advise your members to look for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Educational Fund in the CFC brochure or at their website <http://www.cfctoday.org/who-is-in-the-campaign>, listed under the Code number 11449 and donate generously. Thank you for supporting the Educational Fund.
11. **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:** Any person who has been assigned to or attached to, by competent order, to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, whether or not they are Parachute or Glider qualified, or who has served in Parachute or Glider status with any other recognized Airborne unit, who has served with any Airborne unit other than the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, or any other branch of service, is eligible for membership in this Association. We welcome all members of the All Americans and fellow Paratoopers.
12. **ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** Please remind members that the deadline for scholarships is fast approaching for eligible members and dependents. Applications and additional information are

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available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 29304-7482 which is also listed on the bottom of the application. NOTE: This is USPS box and, therefore, does NOT accept UPS, FEDEX, etc. packages. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2015!

**13. CHAPTER ROSTERS:** Chapter rosters are currently being processed and will begin being sent out next week. When returning the rosters to National with updates, please send *only* the changes. Because Chapters use different accounting systems, when National receives the complete roster, and the changes, it is difficult and time consuming to find just the changes that need to be made. Thank you for your assistance with this. When the rosters are sent out, it will also contain the Chapter Chairman verification spreadsheet to validate membership names, time in service and their character of service.

**14. 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

**15. 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](http://www.usaa.com/82nd). If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association

**16. 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. If information is left blank, the member's application will be held until we are able to contact that member for the missing information which will slow the process. We would appreciate the help of the Chapter Chairpersons in making sure the applications are filled out completely.

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**17. 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. 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org) . Thank you for your support.

**18. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association's Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and to bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. The inclusion of these Wounded Warriors was a terrific boost for our members and especially for our Wounded Warriors. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

**19. 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).

- a. 53<sup>rd</sup> ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or [jennsea3@yahoo.com](mailto:jennsea3@yahoo.com). The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
- b. 2015 Veteran's Day Activities, 8-10 November 2015 is at Arlington National Cemetery and is hosted by the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter. POC is Paul DeVries 571-245-5161. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town Area South 703-329-1400.
- c. 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](mailto:airborneben@hargray.com). The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa.
- d. 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.

**20. 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 70<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

**21. FACEBOOK PAGE:** Please go the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association and 'like us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. *This is the ONLY*

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***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!

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish all members and their families a safe and happy Halloween.

In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering wounded warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen E. Schoppe".

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE  
National President

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BILL BAUER  
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