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To live in the hearts of those you leave behind, is never to die.

-Robert Orr

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAWRENCE J. SLAVICEK

Greetings Fellow Troopers,

It's an honor to serve as your President and to be part of a brotherhood and sisterhood that means so much to all of us. Our Association has a proud history — and it's up to all of us to keep it strong, vibrant, and ready for the future.

Earlier this year, I was honored to be the Guest Speaker at the Kentucky Airborne Chapter's "Kentucky Airborne Reunion" in Lexington. I shared a simple but important message: the philosophy of waiting until people retire and they will seek us out is over. We can't sit back — we have to go out and bring them in. It's time to grow, to reach out to younger generations, and to show them that the 82nd Airborne Division Association is their home too.

I've had the chance to attend several important events these past few months — including Operation Resilience in Charlotte, NC, where veterans from A Co 2-508 PIR gathered to reconnect and heal. Many of them weren't familiar with our Association, but once they learned who we are, they told me what they're looking for: a place where they're remembered, respected, and welcomed. That's a mission we can all rally around.

I also attended the Tampa Chapter's Gold Star Family Luncheon, which was a moving reminder of the deep bonds we share with the families of our fallen and the importance of carrying their memory forward. Events like these show the true heart of our Association.

Moving forward, my focus will be on modernizing how we connect, building stronger communities, and making sure that no 82nd veteran feels forgotten. We have a great story to tell — and with your help, we'll keep writing it.

I look forward to seeing many of you at AAW and at events around the country. Let's keep pushing forward — together.

Airborne All The Way!

Lawrence J Slavicek

National President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow Troopers! We hope this message finds you well and enjoying these much anticipated warmer days. With All American Week fast approaching, we've been busy preparing for everyone's arrival. It is shaping up to be an amazing event with some great things planned. If you have not registered, you can do so [here](#).



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

Please don't forget to register as a Chapter Delegate if you haven't already. Each Chapter should send at least one registered delegate. This ensures your Chapter has the opportunity to raise questions or concerns, collaborate with other Chapters on topics, such as fundraising and event planning, and bring valuable information back from the Board of Directors to your home Chapter.

Are you ready for the 79th Annual National Convention? We will be bringing the Airborne to Knoxville, Tennessee for the first time this year and are very excited to see you all there! There will be plenty of fun-filled activities this year and coordination has been made for our members to enjoy some incredible offers on attractions that can only be found in Knoxville and near-by Gatlinburg. Please ensure to register [here](#).

The Association is continuing our "Airborne Night Out" event series this year. We will be hosting 100 active-duty Paratroopers along with our registered members at Segra Stadium in Fayetteville, NC. The evening will kick off with a social hour, including a catered dinner and drinks at the Veterans Lounge. This comes at a time of year that our Troopers have been in a rigorous training schedule and will undoubtedly enjoy a night of rest and relaxation. Stay tuned on our Social Media pages to find out more about how you can be involved!

Lastly, it has been such an honor serving as your Executive Director thus far. Every day, I am humbled by the incredible work our Chapters and members do for our veterans and communities! I would like to continue to challenge all of you to keep these great efforts going and seek out more opportunities to highlight our Airborne spirit. Remember, the National office is here to assist all of you, so please reach out early and often. AATW!!

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Knoxville, TN - August 6-9, 2025

All Ohio Airborne DaysPage 57
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COLONEL MORTON N. KATZ: A LIFE OF SERVICE, HONOR, AND COMMITMENT

The 82nd Airborne Division Association remembers with deep respect and gratitude the life of Colonel (Ret.) Morton N. Katz, who passed away on February 3, 2025, at the remarkable age of 105 years and 8 months. A paratrooper, patriot, attorney, and lifelong public servant, Mort Katz embodied the Airborne spirit—undaunted, honorable, and forever committed to duty.

Born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut, Mort graduated from Weaver High School in 1935, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut, and a master's from Iowa State. He then answered his country's call during World War II, commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant and assigned as an S-2 Intelligence Officer. He served with distinction in the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion and the 82nd Airborne Division.

Col. Katz parachuted into history, participating in nine major campaigns across North Africa and Europe, including Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, the Ardennes, and Central Europe. His decorations reflect both bravery and service: the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, the EAME Campaign Medal with 9 Battle Stars and Arrowhead, Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Belgian Fourragere. His military career spanned over three decades, retiring from the U.S. Army Reserve in 1979 with the rank of Colonel.

Even into his second century, Mort continued to serve. He participated in Memorial Day observances each year, always in uniform, standing at attention to honor the flag and fallen comrades. He was a proud and active member of VFW Post 3272 in Avon for more than 20 years.

After returning home from the war, Mort earned his Juris Doctorate from UConn Law School and began a legal career that would span nearly eight decades. Known for his tireless advocacy, he practiced law until the age of 103, served as a Justice of the Peace, and remained a Special Public Defender until he was 100. Mort was known not only for his legal skill but for the care, fairness, and compassion he brought to every case.

His service extended far beyond the courtroom. Mort was Past Master of St. John's Lodge AF & AM and Past District Deputy for Masonic District 6A. He also served as Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of Connecticut. In his community, he was active with the Avon/Canton Chamber of Commerce, receiving both the Loren Bristol Spirit Award and the Small Business of the Year Award for his efforts to strengthen local business and civic life.

For the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Col. Katz was more than a decorated veteran—he was a pillar of our community, our Judge Advocate Emeritus, and a guiding voice of reason, tradition, and honor. His wisdom and dedication enriched the Association and inspired generations of troopers.

He is survived by his loving wife and family, who shared in and supported his long life of service and dedication. Colonel Morton Katz's legacy will live on in the hearts of his fellow paratroopers, and in the example he set for all who wear the uniform.

COLONEL MORTON N. KATZ:
A LIFE OF SERVICE, HONOR, AND COMMITMENT



WOUNDED WARRIORS VISIT OVAL OFFICE

President Trump hosted some of our Wounded Warriors to the White House recently. Some in attending were Alex, Jarrod, and Matt. President Trump spoke with them and presented them with his challenge coin. Airborne ATW.



WOUNDED WARRIORS VISIT OVAL OFFICE



STILL SERVING: COMING TOGETHER TO ASSIST MILITARY FAMILY AFTER HURRICANE HELENE

Recovery efforts continue across the mountains of Western North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Helene, and the 82nd Airborne Division Association remains actively involved in supporting those still struggling to rebuild. Thanks to a joint effort led by the St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter, based in Western North Carolina, one military family who lost everything is now a step closer to stability.

The family, from near Burnsville in Yancey County, lost their home to flooding and had no place to go. Their son, a young Marine, is preparing to deploy to Korea and was deeply concerned about his family's situation. That concern set off a chain of action across state lines.

James Slemph, a member of our West Virginia Chapter, generously donated a travel trailer to help. He reached out to the Association, and the request made its way to St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter Founder and Chairman, Gil Gilleland, who helps coordinate support efforts across Western NC and beyond. The chapter worked quickly to locate a family in need, aided by local fire departments and Denver United Methodist Church.

Enter David Gryder—a Marine and Vietnam veteran from Sherrills Ford, NC, and a retired truck driver with four decades behind the wheel—who volunteered to drive to West Virginia, pick up the trailer, and haul it back to the mountains of North Carolina. The trailer is now staged near the family's former home, which was completely washed away. Since the area is only accessible via footbridge, plans are in motion to sling-load the trailer into final position via an Army Chinook helicopter.

Efforts are ongoing to stock the trailer with food, supplies, and essentials, in coordination with several local veteran organizations.

This is just one example of the kind of direct, personal support being provided to military families by members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. There are many more still in need across our mountain communities, and we are proud to answer the call.



David Gryder, a proud Marine and Vietnam Veteran from Sherrills Ford, NC, was a tractor-trailer driver for 40 years. He volunteered to drive to West Virginia and haul the travel trailer to Yancey County, NC

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James Slem, of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, graciously donated his travel trailer to a family in Western North Carolina whose home was destroyed due to Hurricane Helene.

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This is the story of a Paratrooper. It's a representative story where Me, We, He or Us will often be described as "I", but represents the many thousands of everyday Paratroopers. While I will sometimes use examples from my own life, it just as well could be anyone of the many Troopers that were raised by the 82Nd at Ft. Bragg.

This is the "Non-Lifer" story even though we all made Lifer books. This is about the Paratrooper that, for the most part, only did one enlistment and never planned to do more. The is one from Alabama that did visit Mississippi, and maybe Georgia a few times, before he enlisted. The eager youngster that went to the Army recruiter, took the test and was told that he tested high in many other areas, and made the recruiter smile when he said "I just want to be a soldier." Then he saw the poster on the wall and declared he wanted to be a Paratrooper. After all, he had seen many movies and TV series about WWII Paratroopers. Never been in a plane in his life but my first time, jumped out of it.

He left home and, like all others, soon grew up and grew up fast. Life's difficulties didn't get easier throughout every step of our training. After Basic training came Infantry school then Airborne school. All those songs that were sung on those morning runs were starting to make sense. He was a U.S. Paratrooper. More was expected of Paratroopers. In Infantry he was the "Queen of Battle" now he was the pride of his Nation's Army. That was about to come to light when the next step was reporting to his duty station assigned to the 82Nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Home sweet home, Ft. Bragg, NC. That first four-year enlistment at the grand old age of 17 to 21 years. Everything was burned and engrained into us. We were hyper-aware and soaked in everything. So much so that even 40 plus years later it's still in us. We were America's Guard of Honor. Ft. Bragg was a serious place. The 82nd was serious about its mission statement: "To Deploy Anywhere, Anytime by Land, Sea or Air, and Accomplish any Mission given" That about covers it. Everything about being in the 82nd Airborne Division was about being the very best. Nothing was easy. Nothing was given, it was earned.

Now! Back to what this story is really all about.

Remember the Paratrooper that represents the vast majority of those that served in the 82nd? You know the "Non-Lifer"? When you were at Ft. Bragg, or the surrounding areas, it seemed that everyone was Airborne. Sure, there were still plenty of "legs" around that you could clearly try and make them understand that "They can't be like me, Airborne Infantry", but for the most part, it was an Airborne world. Then came your return to everyday life back at home or anywhere away from Ft. Bragg and the 82nd. You then realize just how few Paratroopers there really are in the world. You knew you were part of an elite unit, now maybe more so than ever you realize it. The rest of your life would be a testament to what was instilled into you as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. You will always strive to be the best. Have more intestinal fortitude. Pride in what you do. Look the best. All of the above. It's in you. Always a Paratrooper.

Our next career or chapter in life will always be guided by our upbringing from the 82nd. I went on to serve as a State Trooper and was very proud to do so. I owe how that next 25 years went to me being a Paratrooper. Top of my class in an Academy that everyone thought was difficult. Not for an 82nd Paratrooper. Picked to be a S.W.A.T. member, Team Leader and S.W.A.T. Instructor -- piece of cake. After living the life in the Airborne Infantry 2/ 505th, you have the attitude that you can accomplish anything. Enter a door on someone that just killed several, no problem. Remember the term we used: Airborne Crazy! Life wasn't always a Hollywood jump from the rear ramp of a Chinook helicopter. Sometimes it was a full combat equipment

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night jump (semi controlled fall out of the door) from a C-130. But, all in all, the military bearing (brain washing) and mission statement from the 82nd would always get me through. Remember! There were a whole bunch of “legs” out there and very few Paratroopers so how could I be anything but the best? That is our mindset. Occasionally when I did come across another Paratrooper and, in particular, an 82nd Trooper, the difference was CLEAR. We were better students, employees and stood out in anything we did.

We then became the “Old Paratroopers.” Although we only spent a few years at Ft. Bragg compared to the ones that made a career in the Army, the 82nd will forever be in us. We wear our caps and shirts. We have our jump wings on our trucks and jacket lapel. We say “Airborne” to close a prayer or blessing. To this day I wear my dog tags, polished jump boots and try to lead from the front showing my employees what it means to be Airborne. I’m asked a lot what exactly does it mean to be Airborne? It’s not just a saying. It’s a way of life. You can teach a monkey to jump out of an airplane, but it takes much more to become a Paratrooper. So, while most of us only served for a much shorter time, the influence of the 82nd serves the society of our great nation in the life stories of so many of us “Plain Ole Paratroopers”.

After 40 years I’m returning to Ft. Bragg. I will be attending the events of All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division Association. I clearly remember being a part of live fire and jump demonstrations for old timers while I was there. I know I will meet many “Lifers” and with upmost respect and gratitude for their service wonder what might have been. Most of all, I will be home with a brotherhood that runs deep. I’m so very proud to be in that group.

Always Airborne!

Article by Allen Morrison, Sergeant Major

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

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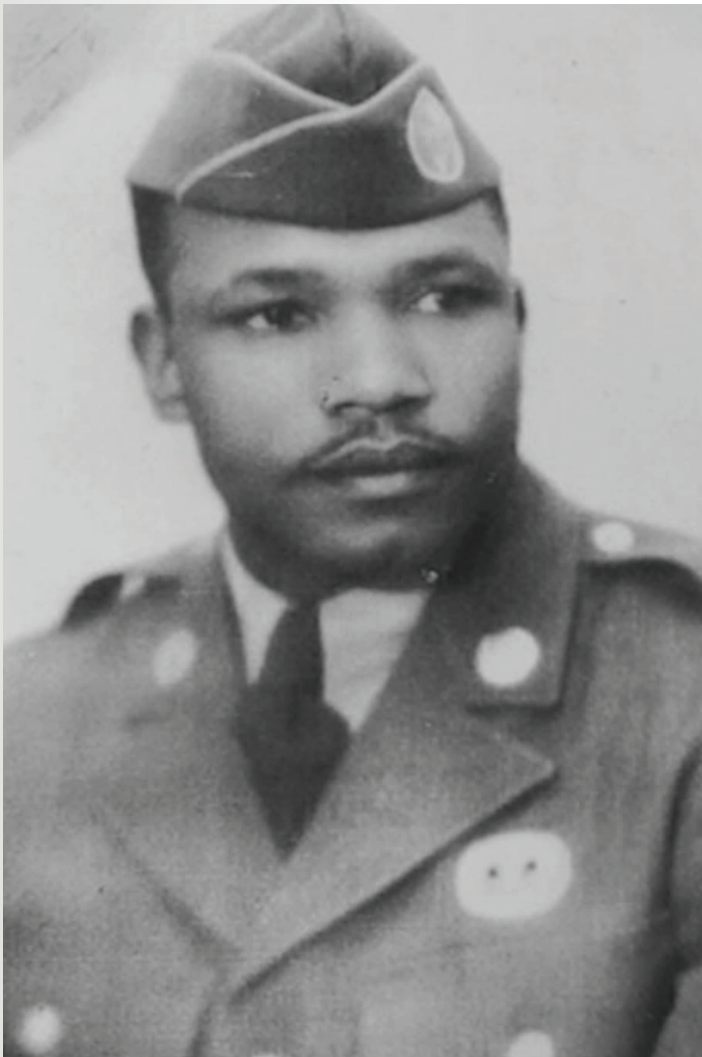
FINAL JUMP: HONORING SGT JOE HARRIS OF THE 555TH "TRIPLE NICKLES"

The 82nd Airborne Division Association pays tribute to SGT Joe Harris of Compton, California, who passed away at the age of 108. A proud member of the legendary 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion—the "Triple Nickles"—Sgt. Harris was among the last surviving members of this historic unit.

Formed during World War II, the Triple Nickles were the U.S. Army's first all-Black parachute unit, breaking barriers and setting the standard for excellence and courage under challenging circumstances. In 1945, Sgt. Harris and his fellow Triple Nickles conducted more than 1,200 parachute jumps during **Operation Firefly**, a mission aimed at countering Japanese aggression against the United States. These jumps—often into rugged, remote terrain—were hazardous and demanding. The unit became known not just for their bravery but for their professionalism, discipline, and trailblazing role in shaping the future of the U.S. Army.

SGT Harris's legacy, and that of the Triple Nickles, lives on in every paratrooper who follows. He and his brothers-in-arms helped clear the way—both in the sky and in our military history—for future generations of Airborne soldiers. We salute his service, his strength, and the example he set for all of us.

Rest in peace, SGT Joe Harris. Airborne, All the Way.





The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial

Washington D.C.

www.ndswm.org

The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

Today, the United States lacks a national memorial dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of its Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association's goal is for completion of the Memorial to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, in 2021.

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

Location

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Financial Position

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

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AND
DESERT SHIELD
MEMORIAL**





VETERAN CHAPTER NEWS

This section reflects the backbone of the Association - the Chapters and what you are doing month in and month out to enhance the Airborne spirit across America. When writing for this section, we ask that you keep in mind the following tips.

Issue date: The dates are the 30th of January, April, July and October. Please write as if the event is taking place before those dates.

Captions: Include information for every photo so everyone will know who's who.

Send to Executive Director: Please send all TAPS, changes of address and new Chapter Officers so that the Association's records may be accurately maintained.

Space: The general rule for space is that each Chapter is allotted 1 page and we use everyone's submissions. However, cuts must sometimes be made in the interest of space and overall page count.

CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

A hardy AIRBORNE from Central Ohio. We hope Winter is winding down in your area and you are all safe and sound.

We had a great turnout for our annual Christmas Party and meeting in December. We conducted a lot of business to finish out 2024 and prepare for 2025. We collected items for the MASH pantry. We chose a local veteran support program as our 2024 Charity selection and collected \$155 for them. The Chapter matched that amount so we ended up donating \$310 to them. We elected our Officers for 2025.

Early in March we attended the 2025 Kentucky Airborne Reunion in Lexington. As always, the Kentucky Chapter did a terrific job, everyone had a terrific time. This is definitely the premiere Chapter event of the year. Until next time, AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!



Toledo Chapter Chairman Tino Madrid and Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter Chairman Steve Holcomb at the Kentucky Airborne



Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter members, guests and family at our Christmas Party.

CLEVELAND AND AKRON CHAPTER

The Cleveland Chapter had its first meeting of the year planning our yearly events. We will have the usual picnics and parades but also have a meeting at a shooting range in June. We are very excited about this year's growth.

A group of us went to see 82nd's own Bobby Henline perform at KracPots in Massillon Ohio. Bobby is one of our Wounded Warriors and had performed at the National Convention last year.

We attended All Kentucky Airborne days and as usual we had a great time. Thanks to the Kentucky Chapter. As always it was professionally done.

Pvt John Towle MOH picture was placed at Mission Barbecue on their Gold Star wall. Tom Ryan, Pvt Towle's nephew, and chapter members were in attendance for this remembrance.



CLEVELAND AND AKRON CHAPTER



Former Akron Chapter Chairman Bob Winkler. Bob served many years Association member and worked for the Ohio Sheriffs Department passes. God Speed and Soft Landings

Cleveland/Akron Chapter inducted member into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Steve Klosowski, a member of the Cleveland/Akron Chapter, for being inducted to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame class of 2024. Steve was born in a Polish labor camp after the German blitzkrieg. Steve's father was in the Polish Army. After WW2 Steve came to the United States and eventually joined the Army and became a paratrooper. Steve then served in Vietnam. Since then he served the Cleveland community and fellow veterans in many ways. He was presented his award by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. Airborne, All the Way!

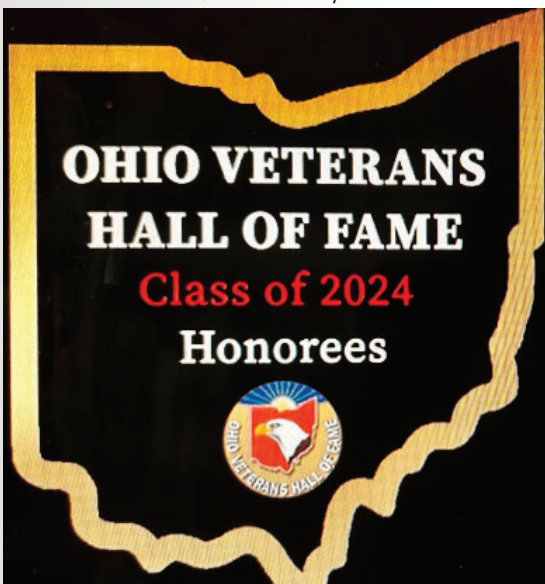
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Robert F. Winkler passed away peacefully at Kentridge Assisted Living on Monday, March 3, 2025, at the age of 89. His proudest accomplishment was his family, whom he cherished above all else.



GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The New Year was off to a good start until February 12th when our last surviving Charter member Daniel A. Lee passed away. Dan was a Veteran of both Korea and Vietnam, He was a prominent figure within the Chapter. Over the years Dan had held several offices and earned many Accolades and Awards for His Devotion to the Chapter. Dan Lee will be sorely missed by all those who had the Privilege to know Him. We at the Ridgway Chapter will carry on in His Honor and Hope We are able to make Him Proud.

REST IN PEACE DAN LEE

Ridgway Members still have much to look forward to in 2025. We will have picnic, museum meetings, Rifle Range dates And in October from the 16th thru the 19th We will Host All Ohio Airborne Days Near Wright Patterson AFB. Registration for All Ohio Days can be found in the Issue, mark your calendar and make plans to join Us. Needless to Say, we will have a busy year, and we would not want it any other way. AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY



LEW MILLETT MEMORIAL MOH CHAPTER

Greeting from the Members of the Lew Millett Memorial MOH Chapter. We end the year with many exciting events. Our Annual Airborne Christmas Party where we swore in our new officers for the next year. We were invited to march in the Santa Claus Lane Parade by our Airborne Brother's in the U.S. Army Ranger association. And we participated in many Veterans Funerals and Celebrations of Life. And we had a Special Request to re-fold a U.S. Civil War Flag that flew over Gettysburg.



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NEW JERSEY CPL STEVEN KOCH "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER

The NJ-CPL Steven Koch Chapter, along with a local businessman and veteran, Joe Hann of Flemington Foreign Cars, once again hosted a breakfast reception of the US Army West Point Marathon Team on Thursday, December 12th. The West Point Marathon Team has a tradition of running the football from the academy at West Point to the stadium that that Army/Navy game is to be played. In 2024, the Army/Navy football game was played in Washington, DC, and the route that the Marathon Team took to the stadium took them thru New Jersey. The Marathon Team was able to stop in Ringoes, New Jersey for breakfast and a reception with local veterans on their way to complete the 289 mile run.



The honor of holding the reception for the West Point Marathon Team was a highlight for all of the veterans that had attended and the cadets thoroughly enjoyed their interaction with the veterans.

In addition to the speeches given by both the NJ Chapter Chairman, Mike Vasquez and the NJ Special Forces Association Chapter 19 President, Myles Cappiello; everyone in attendance was thrilled to have NJ Chapter member, Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs give his talk on his time at West Point and encourage the cadets going forward. After the breakfast, the cadets continued on their way to the stadium in Washington, DC to deliver the gameball, which was presented in the stadium Saturday morning.



NEW JERSEY CPL STEVEN KOCH "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER



NORTH TEXAS “ALL AIRBORNE” CHAPTER



Mike Friesen-Trooper of the Quarter



Tom Wood presenting PFC Acosta a chapter coin



The chapter is proud to announce that on March 21st, 2025, PFC Hanz “Will” Acosta graduated jump school and became a super-duper Paratrooper! Though the Dallas-Fort Worth area is home for Will, he is eagerly looking forward to his new home at Fort Bragg. Will is assigned to the 319th Field Artillery Regiment as a Combat Medic and highly motivated. He will undoubtedly exemplify the Airborne heritage! Will was presented with a chapter coin and a check to purchase a brand-new pair of Corcoran jump boots.

Our chapter is also happy to announce Mike Friesen as our Trooper of the Quarter. Mike served with the following units within the 82nd Airborne, DIV G3 OPNs, 1/504 PIR, and 2/504 PIR. He deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm with C Co. 2/504 PIR.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The Chapter started 2025 off with a bang! We held our annual St. Patrick's Day dance on the 15th! We were honored to host SFC Gabi Cha who flew in to support the event. The guys working the dance don't have time to sit and get to know her so we took her out for dinner the night before. We were joined by Steve and his wife Carol. Steve is the lead singer from the group "Yesterday's Children" who donated their time and talent to really make this event happen. He wanted to meet Gabi before the dance as he worked up a special rendition of "What a Wonderful Life".

Chapter member Dan Boring then picked her up the next day and gave her the grand tour of Kenosha and Lake Michigan, stopping off at Fec's place to meet the owners who are responsible for putting on our annual Pig Roast in the summer. We were in luck as she was able to watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade in town before the dance.

As always, "The Crew" showed up at 5:15 to set up and we found people already there waiting to buy tickets! Technically the doors don't open until 6:00pm, but this happens every year as the band is already on stage tuning up their instruments. Some people just have to get in there and save the table for their friends who come later.

We held a "Best Dressed" and I had Gabi act as the judge. An easy decision as the winner came dressed for the highlands of Ireland in his best kilt! We always hold a dance contest with the band playing a longer version of a song. First Place winners received a donated basket from Tenuta's and second place got a bottle of Ireland's best!

Gabi, a Combat Medic, then shared her story of being wounded in Iraq with shrapnel from an IED while out on a convoy. She was medivaced to Wiesbaden where the surgeons thought they got all of the fragments out. She returned to active service and her career in the Army. While during a tour as a Drill Instructor, she started to feel tingling in her legs. She went back in for two more surgeries; however, the second surgery was botched and she became paralyzed from the waist down for life. She fought through her anger and depression and with the help of competitive sports regain her life. She left Kenosha the next day to fly out to Lake Placid to compete in an international competition in the Bob Sled! She is ranked 15th in the world in this particular event and has represent the United States around the world.



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The hall filled up rather quickly to the point that we had to set up more tables and open another section for the overflow. Always a good sign that our efforts are appreciated. Yesterday's Children" provided us with a great selection of Chicago, Blood Sweat and Tears, James Brown and the Doobie Brother's! We are fortunate that they have a great horn section and we can get them on the stage! A great variety of slow and fast songs got plenty of people out of their seats and on to the dance floor.

While the crowd called for more, the Band members all said that they had to get home to take their medications!!

With another Dance behind us, we can now concentrate on our next event which will be our Golf Outing! We haven't done one of these in a while but we are going for it! SGT Jason Smith is flying in from Tennessee to join us for the day. Jason lost both of his legs to an IED in Afghanistan.

We're hoping that this will be as great as our other Golf Outing's in the past as there are so many new innovations to make the Outing more enjoyable! If you're in the area, drop in for a round or just join us for dinner! Again you can follow the Chapter and our events on Face Book at 82ndSWAAC.



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WOUNDED WARRIORS

A Second Chance: Remembering April 8th, 2012

Some might say that April 8th, 2012, was the worst day of Staff Sergeant Alejandro (Alex) Jauregui's life. But over time, that day has come to symbolize something else—not an ending, but the beginning of a second chance.

It was Easter Sunday, and back at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Alex's wife, Isa Marie, was home with their two sons, Daniel (3) and Bron (7). Five months pregnant with their third child, she had just learned they were expecting a baby girl. The news had filled her with joy and anticipation, and she couldn't wait to share it with her husband, who was deployed in Afghanistan. Alex and Isa Marie had met years earlier while both were serving in Iraq. After eight years of active duty as a Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Repairer in the Army, Isa Marie was preparing to transition out of service. On that quiet Easter morning, she was soaking up precious time with her children—especially with her youngest curled up on her lap watching cartoons. Though her growing belly made it increasingly difficult, she wasn't willing to give up those snuggles. She remembered the pain of leaving him behind at just 8 months old for a deployment, and the heartbreak of returning home to a child who didn't recognize her. Those cuddles, hard-won, meant everything.

Several time zones away, Alex was on a mission with Bravo Company, 2/508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in Zhari, Afghanistan. The assignment that day was to escort an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team to investigate an IED site identified by second squad. Upon arriving, Alex located a second IED. As he briefed the EOD team, word came from his team leader about a possible third device nearby. While walking to verify that it was in fact a third IED, Alex stepped on a fourth IED. Though he'd experienced IED explosions before, this time felt different. He felt no pain, but he knew—it had been him. SGT Hammer rushed to his side and began administering first aid. A medevac request was made, but it was denied. Fortunately, a Special Forces team en route to another mission overheard the radio traffic and made the critical decision to divert and extract Alex—a decision that, without a doubt, saved his life.

Back home, Isa Marie's peaceful morning was interrupted by a phone call from an unknown number. She hesitated but answered, her toddler still nestled in her lap. On the other end was her husband's rear detachment commander. His voice trembled.

"I don't know how to tell you this," he said, "so I'm just going to read the white line message."



WOUNDED WARRIORS

He shared what little information was known: Alex had sustained a traumatic brain injury and had lost both of his legs. He was in surgery. There was uncertainty in every detail, but one thing was clear—their lives had changed forever. Isa Marie didn't cry. She didn't panic. She felt numb. Questions flooded her mind—how would she tell their sons? Could a 3- and 7-year-old even understand what war had done to their father? What if she reassured them he would be okay, only for him not to survive one of the many surgeries ahead? But somehow, the Jauregui family pressed on.

The soldiers Alex called brothers stayed by his side on the battlefield. A helicopter crew chief, moved by a sense of duty and compassion, made a split-second decision that altered the course of Alex's life. And Alex, with his fierce determination and trademark stubbornness, fought to survive.

That same spirit carried him through grueling days of recovery and continues to sustain him today.

Thirteen years later, the family reflects on April 8th not solely as a day of tragedy, but as the moment they were given a second chance. What began as the worst day of their lives turned out to be the day they got a second chance. Now the couple live in Northern California where Alex and his brother Cristian run a commercial beekeeping operation with close to 1200 beehives.



WOUNDED WARRIORS



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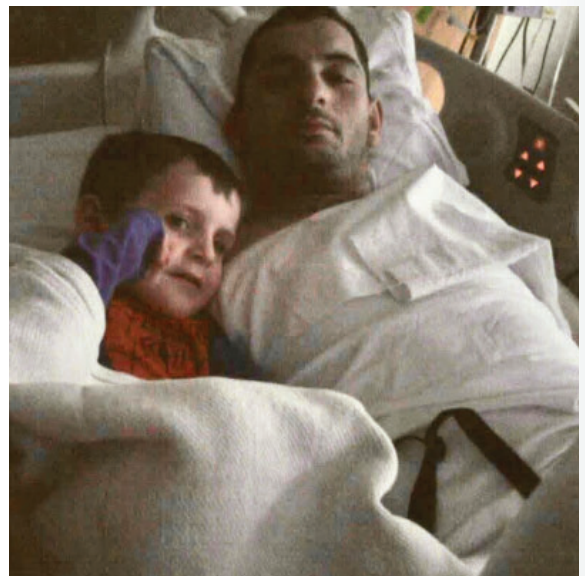
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TO MAINTAIN contact with all living members of the 82nd Airborne Division who have been disabled in the service of their country.

TO BE OF ASSISTANCE in matters pertaining to Veterans Administration benefits.

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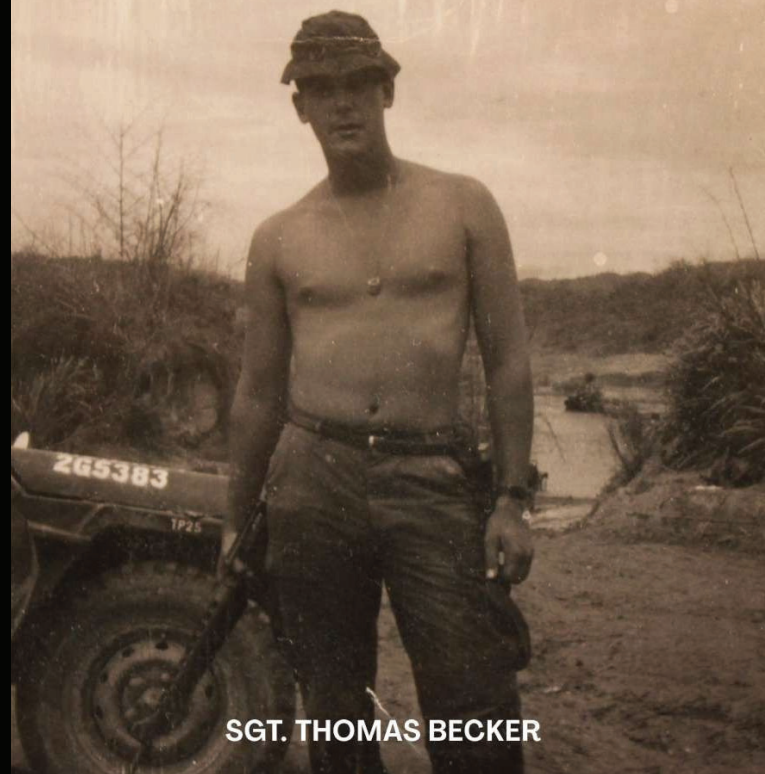
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May 19-22, 2025



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Beer, soda, water and snacks will be included in the hospitality room nightly.

Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk at Moon Hall.
(There will be **no** transportation provided from the airports. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available).

\$155 per person REGISTRATION must be received by 5 May 2025!

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The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 19 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch)

The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 21 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

The meals for these events, and drinks and snacks in the hospitality room, are included in the registration fee.

Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Moon Hall.

The Fayetteville Chapter will host a Golf Scramble on Monday, 19 May at 9:00 a.m. at the Carolina Lakes Golf Course.



2025 All American Week Schedule (as of 29 April 2025)



Registration Packets can be picked up at the Airborne Inn at check-in.

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No Cars will be allowed at Pike Field for the Airborne Review without a VIP Pass or Handicapped Plate. You will be turned around by MPs

Sunday, May 18

Moon Hall, Front Parking Lot	13:00	17:00	Mobile VA Van availability*	Va Claims, Physical/Mental health Assessments
Hosp. Suite	13:00	16:00	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Hosp. Suite	18:00	20:00	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Hosp. Suite	16:30	UTC	Welcome to Members by Association and Division HQ - Please all attend	
Hosp. Suite	18:00	23:00	*Hospitality Room	

Monday, May 19

Start Point Ardennes and Longstreet	6:30		Division Run, Longstreet, Fort Bragg	No Buses Available/No Alcohol
Moon Hall (Rm 108)	8:00	13:00	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Dragon Lanes	8:30	UTC	All American Bowling Event	\$3/person No shuttle available
2BCT DFAC	7:45		Division "Veterans" Breakfast (\$4.40/each)	Shuttle Buses spot at 07:00, Pull at 07:30
Moon Hall, Front Parking Lot	9:00	12:00	Mobile VA Van availability*	Va Claims, Physical/Mental health Assessments
See Division Event Schedule	9:00	finish	Division Athletic Events - All Sporting Events on DIV Sporting Event Schedule	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Carolina Lakes Golf Course	9:00	finish	All American Week Golf Scramble	No Buses Available
Advanced Airborne School	9:00	15:00	34' Tower Open To Public	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Moon Hall 1st Fl Media Room	9:00	18:00	Association Sales at Airborne Inn/Hotel	

Monday, May 19 (cont.)

Fay Clubhouse***	13:00	16:00	*Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse Picnic Lunch (transportation provided)	Shuttle Vans provided by Fayetteville Chapter Moon Hall 11:30-16:00
Fay Clubhouse***	13:00	17:00	Mobile VA Van availability	Va Claims, Physical/Mental health Assessments
Moon Hall Spec Ops Rm	15:00	16:00	Association Delegates Meeting	
Moon Hall Dragon Rm.	15:00	16:00	Association Directors Meeting	
Moon Hall Dragon/Spec Ops Rm	16:00	17:00	Association Directors / Delegates Meeting	
Hosp. Suite	17:00	19:00	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Hosp. Suite	17:00	23:00	*Hospitality Room (Auction Nightly at 20:00)	
Hosp. Suite	20:00	20:30	Association Auction	

Tuesday, May 20

Iron Mike Conference Center	7:00		Prayer Breakfast	For Ticket Holders Only
Hosp. Suite	8:00	11:30	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Moon Hall TBD	9:00	10:00	Education Fund Meeting	
Moon Hall TBD	9:00	10:00	Wounded Warrior Fund Meeting	
Moon Hall, Front Parking Lot	9:00	17:00	Mobile VA Van availability	Va Claims, Physical/Mental health Assessments
See Division Event Schedule	9:00	finish	Division Athletic Events - All Sporting Events on DIV Sporting Event Schedule	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Advanced Airborne School	9:00	15:00	34' Tower Open To Public	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Moon Hall 1st Fl Media Room	9:00	18:00	Association Sales at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
82d Museum (Outdoor Event)	11:30	12:30	DIV Memorial Ceremony (Wreath Layers arrive 30 prior)	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Glider Field (corner Graves / Ardennes)	14:00	17:00	325 AIR Regimental Picnic	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Devil Field (4380 Gruber Rd)	14:00	17:00	504 PIR Devil Picnic	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Busses Rotate from 08:00-17:00



2025 All American Week Schedule (as of 29 April 2025)



Tuesday, May 20 (cont.)

3BCT Dining Facility (3153 Butner Road)	14:00	17:00	505 PIR Regimental Picnic	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Provider Field (Long St / Lafierre Loop))	14:00	17:00	82 ADSB	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Cannoball Field (Graves St / Ardennes)	14:00	17:00	319 AFAR Picnic	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Galdius Field	14:00	17:00	Signal Regimental Picnic	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Hall of Heroes Next to Museum (Stang Field)	17:30	18:30	All American Family Fun Run (Veterans Welcome Can turn around at any point)	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Hosp. Suite	17:00	23:00	*Hospitality Room (Auction Nightly at 20:00)	
Hosp. Suite	20:00	20:30	Association Auction	

Wednesday, May 21

Moon Hall (Rm 108)	9:00	11:00	Registration at Airborne Inn/Hotel	**LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION**
Moon Hall, Front Parking Lot	9:00	17:00	Mobile VA Van availability	Va Claims, Physical/Mental health Assessments
All American Chapel*	9:00	11:30	Combat Warrior Soul Care	For pre-registered members only
Moon Hall 1st Fl Media Room	9:00	18:00	Association Sales at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
In front of Hall of Heroes (Outdoor Event)	11:00	12:00	Induction of 82nd Airborne Division Hall of Fame Inductees	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
See Division Event Schedule	9:00	finish	Division Athletic Events - All Sporting Events on DIV Sporting Event Schedule	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Advanced Airborne School	9:00	15:00	34' Tower Open To Public	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Green Ramp, Pope AAF	13:00	17:00	Veterans Trust Super Car and Nascar Parade	Buses Marked AAW Shuttle Buses Rotate from 08:00-17:00
Moon Hall Hosp. Suite	18:00	20:30	*Fayetteville Chapter Dinner at Airborne Inn/Hotel	
Hosp. Suite	17:00	23:00	*Hospitality Room (Auction Nightly at 20:00)	
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Thursday, May 22

Pike Field	10:00	UTC	Division Review	Coach buses at Moon Hall at 08:00 (No Privately Owned Vehicles Allowed)
Iron Mike Conference Center	14:00	15:00	Rehearsal for Association Social at IMCC	**Attendees: Exec Dir. Color Guard, Band Rep, MC**
Iron Mike Conference Center	18:00	22:00	*Association Social at Iron Mike Conference Center, Fort Bragg**	Hotel Shuttles Available if Needed. Buses start at 17:45. 10 min Walk
Iron Mike Conference Center	Dinner End	Close	50/50 Raffle at end of Social	

* Registration REQUIRED for Association events, **Men: Coat and Tie / Women: Evening attire

***Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse - 606 Johnson Street, Fayetteville, NC (off of Bragg Blvd)

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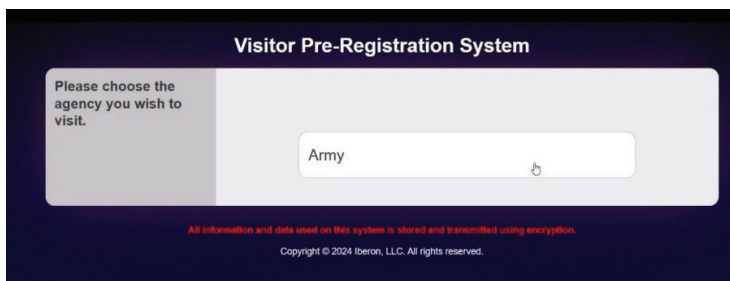
Fort Bragg, NC Visitor Access

Visitors requiring a pass for access to Fort Bragg can now apply for passes online.

The online pass process can only be utilized by those who are US citizens, have a valid state issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, and have a mobile phone - up to 30 days in advance. Select "Fort Liberty" under Installation.

After vetting, visitors will be sent a text informing them if their visit has been approved or denied. Visitors with a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card may proceed to any of Fort Bragg's access control points to be scanned for access. Passes will NOT be sent via email to the visitor.

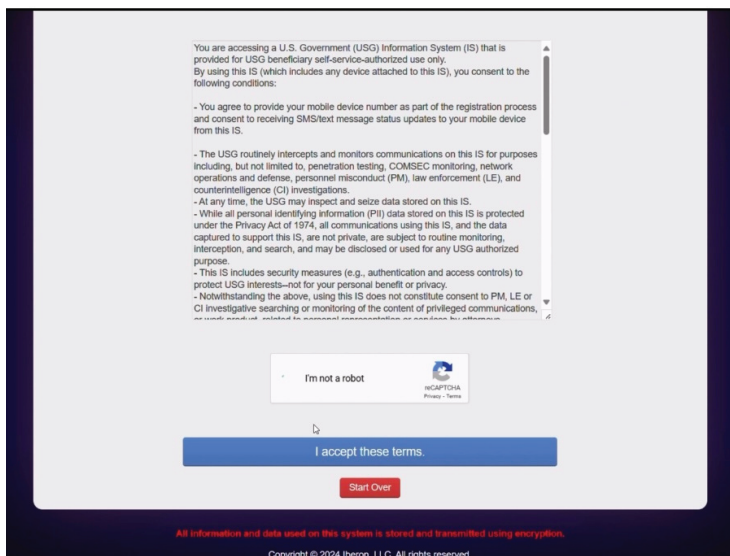
For visitors WITHOUT a REAL ID-compliant identification, stop by the Visitor Access Center at the All American Gate between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., seven days a week.



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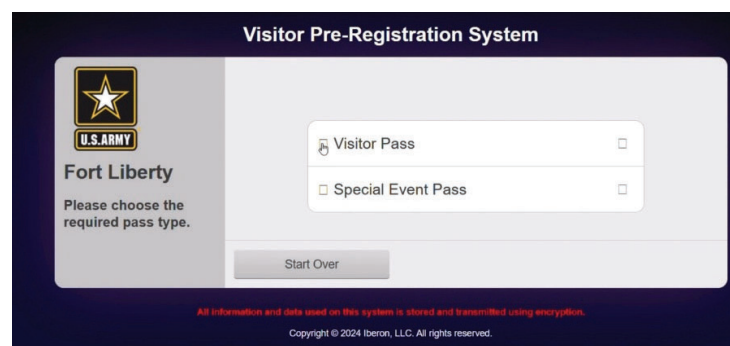
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- Next, Choose Fort Liberty.



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Step 3:

- Choose Visitors Pass

Visitor Pre-Registration System

Are you a citizen of the United States?

No Yes

Fort Liberty
Confirm Citizenship

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- Click “Yes” or “No.”

Visitor Pre-Registration System

Driver's License # Enter passport instead.

Driver's License State Driver's License Expiration

Select State... mm/dd/yyyy

Fill in your DL information

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Step 5:

- Fill in your DL information.

Visitor Pre-Registration System

Reason for Visit

Family Member

Validated

Date of Visit Start

05/18/2024

Validated

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Step 6:

- Reason for Visit: Choose Family Member.
- Date of Visit Start: Choose the start date you'd like for your visitor pass.

Visitor Pre-Registration System

Date of Birth

mm/dd/yyyy must be on or before 05/01/2006 (at least 18 years old)

First Name Middle Name Last Name Name Suffix

City State/Province Postal Code

Select State...

Gender Social Security # Show SSN

Select Gender...

Mobile Phone Number

Fill in your information & click continue when finished

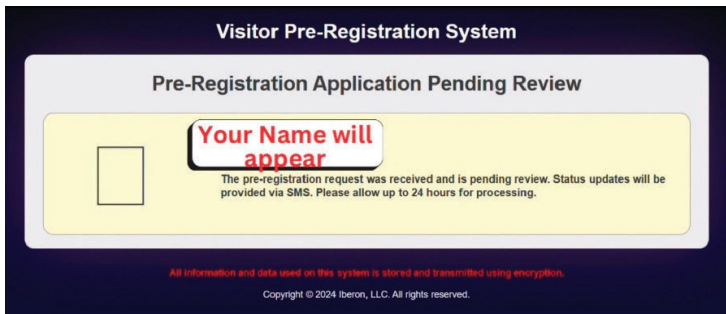
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Step 7:

- Fill in your information and click continue when finished.

Step 8:

- You will see this notification that your Pre-Registration Application is pending Review.
- You should expect a SMS Text Message to your Phone alerting you if your visit to Fort Bragg is approved. Your valid state ID or DL will be used as your pass and should be able to be used at any open Access Control Point (ACP).



All American Visitor Control Center

This is the main entry point for visitors to Fort Bragg who do not have a valid Department of Defense ID.

Address:

3550 All American Fwy
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Phone Number:

(910) 907-5165
(910) 907-5166

Hours:

Monday-Sunday
5:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



← Apply Online:

https://pass.aie.army.mil/steps/branch_selection

Fort Bragg Visitor Information: ➡

<https://home.army.mil/bragg/about/visitor-information>





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- Teams must be Paid & Registered NLT 1200 Hrs. 16 May 2025

Picnic will follow at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse
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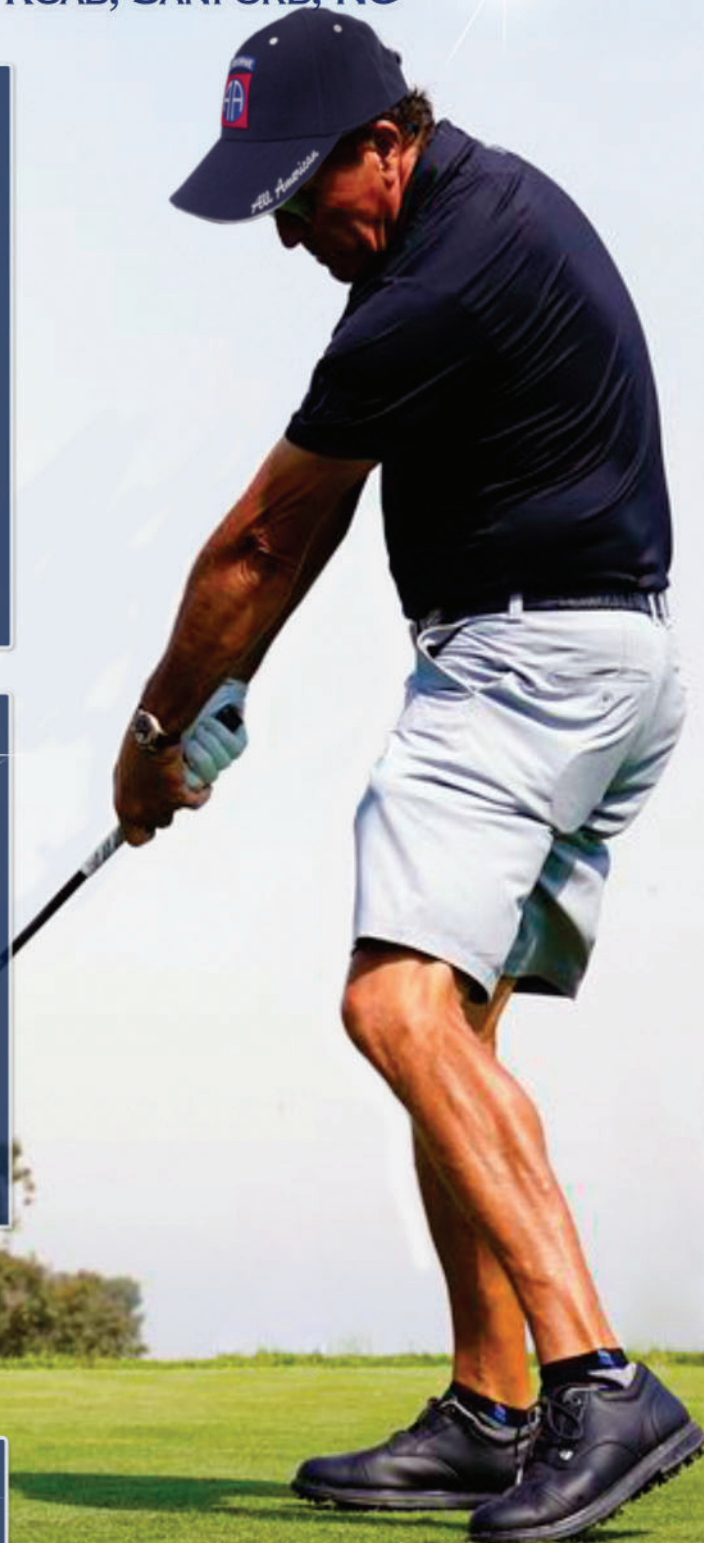


POC: Gary Lyons
Cel: (910) 261-2169

Pay Options

1. Cash App: \$FayettevilleChapter
2. Zelle: 82ndABNFAYCHPT@gmail.com
3. Check : Make check payable to:

Fayetteville Chapter 82nd Airborne Association
PO Box 40933
Fayetteville, NC 28309-0933



When registering you must email
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glyons1@hotmail.com



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82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 6-9, 2025

Knoxville, Tennessee



Convention Registration

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Upon arrival at the hotel, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk for your welcome packet. Signage will guide you to the registration location.

You can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or you can mail in your registration to:

82nd Airborne Division Association
PO Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304



We've secured an exclusive rate of **\$145 per night (plus tax)** for registered Association members at the **Crowne Plaza Knoxville**. This rate is available **two days before and two days after the Convention**, giving you the perfect opportunity to turn your convention trip into a fantastic vacation! Please note, the reservation cutoff date is **July 4, 2025**. After this date, room rates will increase, so be sure to book early - rooms are limited! Additionally, registered convention attendees will receive a 20% discount at the on-site Mahogany's Restaurant during their stay.

Hotel Reservations Information:

To make your reservation, please contact the hotel directly.

Crowne Plaza Knoxville

401 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN

865-522-2600 (For any assistance with booking, questions, or special accommodations, please call this number)

(Reference 82nd Airborne Division Association)

Alternatively, you can book your room **online** at:

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Hotel Reservations

In coming days, we will be adding a special link to our website for Visit Knoxville. Through this partnership, registered members will enjoy exclusive discounts at select restaurants and events in the Knoxville area. Be sure to visit our website regularly for updates and more details!

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Convention Registration

Name			
Phone Number		Email	
Street Address		City/State/Zip Code	
Chapter			
Rank		Association Member Number	
Spouse/Guest 1		Guest 2	
Guest 3		Guest 4	
Please list any dietary restrictions or handicap needs/special accommodations below.			

Registration Fee is \$225 per person (Includes T-shirt, Hospitality Room, Memorial Dinner*, Banquet* and Spouse's Brunch)!					
Please register early as registration goes up to \$250 after July 1, 2025.					
Number of Registered Attendees		X	\$225 Each	=	\$
Number of Challenge Coins		X	\$25 Each	=	\$
TOTAL					\$
Please Circle T-Shirt Size	Guest 1	Guest 2	Guest 3	Guest 4	
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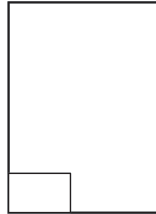
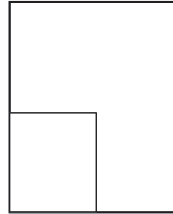
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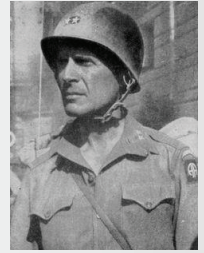
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**GENERAL MATTHEW RIDGWAY CHAPTER
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS
October 16-19, 2025**



Cost: Registration is \$100 prior to September 27, 2025, \$120 after (Banquet availability limited for late registry)

Schedule:

THURSDAY: Hospitality Room 1600 till closing

FRIDAY: Hospitality Room 0800 till closing

SATURDAY: Hospitality Room 0800 till 1600

Cocktail hour 1600 till 1700 at Packy's Sports Bar

Banquet 1700 till 2200

Hospitality Room 2200 till closing

Room Reservation:

Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrooke Conference Center

10823 Chidlaw Rd, Dayton, Ohio 45433

To reserve a room, call the hotel directly and ask for "All Ohio Airborne Days" group block

Phone: 937-879-2696

"All Ohio Airborne Days" Rates of \$125 (plus tax) per night. Breakfast is included.

This rate is good 2 days prior and 2 days after the event.

The cut-off date to reserve under the group discount is September 30, 2025.

Event hosted by General Ridgway Chapter

Call/text if you have questions: Robert Stonerock 740-408-1807 or Bruce Butt 937-260-8152

Members must be in good standing with the 82nd Airborne Division Association

REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Your Chapter: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____ Guest Name: _____

#____ attending X \$100.00/person = _____

Banquet meal choice and number requested: Salmon _____ Beef _____

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- ✉ sw82airborne@gmail.com
- ☎ 262-945-2983 or 262-857-7182
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The 82nd Airborne Division Association hosts a Spring and Winter Airborne Night Out, an event to offer Active Duty Troopers and their families the opportunity to unwind and enjoy a night out together. Please consider donating to the cause to show support to our 82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers and their families!



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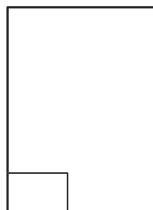
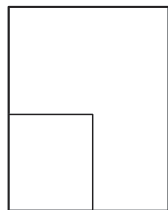
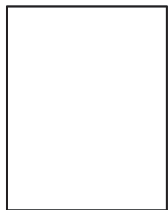
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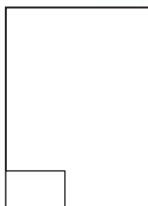
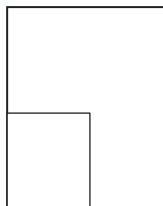
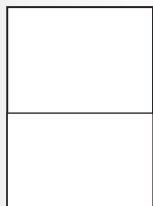
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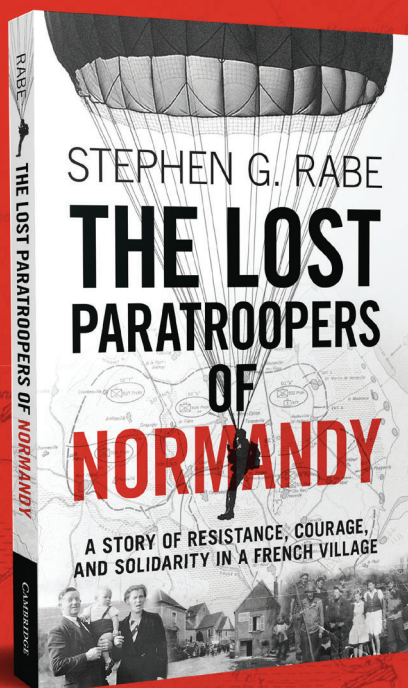
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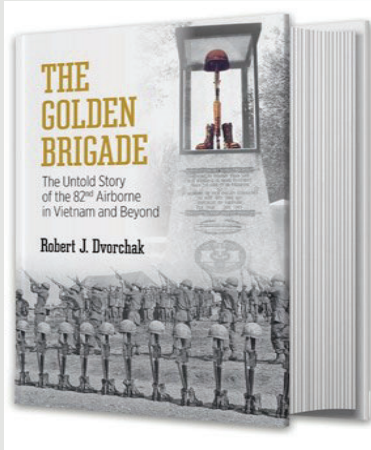


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Robert J. Dvorchak, 178 Jade Drive, Verona, PA 15147 412-793-5068
Bdvorchak@msn.com. (call over 5 books)

Questions: *Golden Brigade Chapter* 804-338-8222

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ #copies x \$35 _____

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The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund since last publication of the Paraglide. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

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82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

DONOR	MEMO	AMOUNT
Tillman E. Beikes Chapter	In memory of ISGT (Ret) Kerry Hall	\$100.00

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2024-2025 Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2025

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications **MUST** be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than **OCTOBER 15, 2025**. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund
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Fayetteville, NC 28304



All applications must include verification of
eligibility paperwork. Must show honorable
discharge, airborne qualification or proof of
assignment or attachment to the 82nd Airborne
Division. Please see information sheet for
acceptable documentation.

Membership Application, payment and update can also be processed online at www.82ndairborneassociation.org
under the Membership link or use the QR Code



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Email _____ (No email address will restrict your access to information.)

Chapter Preference _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

SSN (last four only)/ASN _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Spouse _____

Please check one: _____ Annual Membership (\$35.00) or _____ All American Member \$350.

_____ Transfer Chapter _____ Update Information

_____ Current Member Replacement Card (\$5.00) _____ Replacement Certificate for Current All American Members (\$10.00)

I would like to donate: _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100 _____ other amount - to the General
Fund to benefit the Association's Programs

SERVICE INFORMATION:

Current Status: _____ Retired Military/Veteran _____ Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard _____ Rank

****Time in Service: Entered Service (month/year) _____ ETS Date (month/year) _____****

List AIRBORNE Unit(s) and Combat tours (Most recent first.) Please use the back if more space is needed.

Unit 1 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Unit 2 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Effective April 2023



**MILITARY MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION/UPDATE**
82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please print legibly!

**Membership/Updates can also be processed online
with the QR Code or online at
www.82ndairborneassociation.org under the
Membership link.**



FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS (HOME OF RECORD):

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

RANK: _____ SSN (LAST 4 Only): _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

HOME #: (____) _____ CELL #: (____) _____

CIVILIAN EMAIL ONLY: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR THOSE <i>CURRENTLY</i> SERVING IN OR ATTACHED TO THE 82 nd AIRBORNE DIVISION	
____ FIRST YEAR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS FREE	____ ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP (except for First Year) - \$8.20
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-1 to E-4 - \$82.00	____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-5 to E-7 / W-1, W-2 / O-1 to O-3 - \$150.00
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up \$350.00	

LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)

CURRENT UNIT : _____ FROM MO/YR: _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR _____ TO MO/YR: _____

Upon ETS, please specify an affiliate Chapter you would like to transfer your membership to: _____

Veteran Chapters can be found at the following link: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/chapter-locator.html> or use the above
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BENEFITS: You have joined a Fraternity of Airborne Troopers (Paratroopers and Glidermen) that became the Charter members during WWII. Their legacy has proudly continued through the years by Paratroopers that now exceed 34,000 members in the largest and only Charter Airborne Association in the world. Additional benefits can be found on our website.

LIFE MEMBERS: Receive a membership card and Certificate, are eligible to attend the August National Convention for life and are eligible for dependent children to receive College Scholarship Grants for up to 4 years.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Receive a card that will expire one year from date of issue and are eligible to attend the August National Convention.

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 July 2023)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

Current 82nd Airborne Division
Association Card # _____

82nd Association Chapter _____

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ + _____

Dates Assigned/
Attached to the
1st BCT/504th
PIR

From
(MM/DD/YYYY)

To
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Unit _____

Rank _____

SSN _____

(last 4 only)

Current
Occupation _____

Telephone _____

Single ☐
Widowed ☐
Married ☐
Male ☐
Female ☐

Spouse's
First Name _____

Children _____

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Payment

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Assn.

Annual
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Dues: _____

Make check/money order payable
to the **1st BCT/504th PIR
Association, Inc.** and mail to:
James R. Cook, Treasurer
185 Fox Run Rd.
Pinehurst, NC 28374

If you are also joining the 82nd
Association, please send a separate
check/money order for that
membership payable to the **82nd
Airborne Division Association.**

**** You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application. ****

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

following Officers: Association Secretary - 504th.PIR.Association.Secretary@gmail.com

Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

Please visit our new website at www.504thpirassociation.org if you prefer to complete your application online.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUMP QUALIFIED Applicants OR Those Who Have Served in Combat with or Attached to One of the Following:

3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

505th Regimental Combat Team
505th Airborne Infantry Regiment
Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
508 Regimental Combat Team

PANTHER ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership	\$15.05
Lifetime Membership	\$75.05

Name _____ D.O.B. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Home Of Record _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Unit assigned to _____ From _____ To _____

Rank/Grade _____

DD214 _____ Jump School _____ Location _____ Year _____ Company _____

Currently a member of (check those that apply):

505th RCT Association _____	505th Chapter of the 82nd Association _____
Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association _____	555th Parachute Infantry Association _____
None of the above _____	

Type of Membership: _____(Lifetime) _____(Annual)

Make checks/Money order payable to Panther Association and mail to:

Panther Association, Inc. – 2400 Bailey's Crossroads Road, Coats, NC 27521-8920

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their form DD214 to accompany their application.



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Note: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members: Gary Rezabek, President (garyrezabek@yahoo.com), Sue Federinko, Vice President (sfederinko82@gmail.com); Maggie Peppers, Secretary (peppers@82ndairborneassociation.org), Larry Stewart, Treasurer.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee will consider requests of the Divisions Wounded Warrior/ Purple Heart recipients for their own personal events. These might include fishing trips, mountain climbing, wounded warrior events, bike races and other events they might want to be sponsored for. They may request this through Gary Rezabek as listed above.

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help. If you are interested please contact the following for details.

Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872

PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS OPEN TO CHAPTERS & MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

\$500 - Full Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$250 - Half Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$150 - Quarter Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$50 - Business Card / Color / 4 Issues

\$150 - Facebook & Website Advertising / Monthly

Ads & Artwork must be camera ready.

For more information please contact the National Headquarters at (910) 223-1182, or via email at

execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. An invoice will be issued once the ad is approved. ATW!

WOUNDED WARRIOR & GOLD STAR FAMILIES Of the 82nd Airborne Division

The committee of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund has made some changes over the past few years. The Committee has grown to meet the needs of troopers with service connected disabilities that were sustained in combat or during a training accident.

We have been assisting our troopers and their families in different ways over the last few years.

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

Travel and lodging for All American Week and to the 82nd Airborne National Convention.

Donations to the Fisher House at Ft Sam Houston TX, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Wash. DC and our own beloved Womack Army Medical Center NC.

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

PP Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior committee at

garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872.

Dir Maggie Peppers, Secretary 82nd Airborne Division Association WWF Committee.

abnpep@gmail.com, 440-300-8903

Larry Stewart, Treasurer 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee. **stew-**

art@82ndairborneassociation.org , 281-844-1421

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PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Your 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee would like to sincerely Thank You for your continued support for our Troopers through your donations, prayers, notes, etc. If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members.

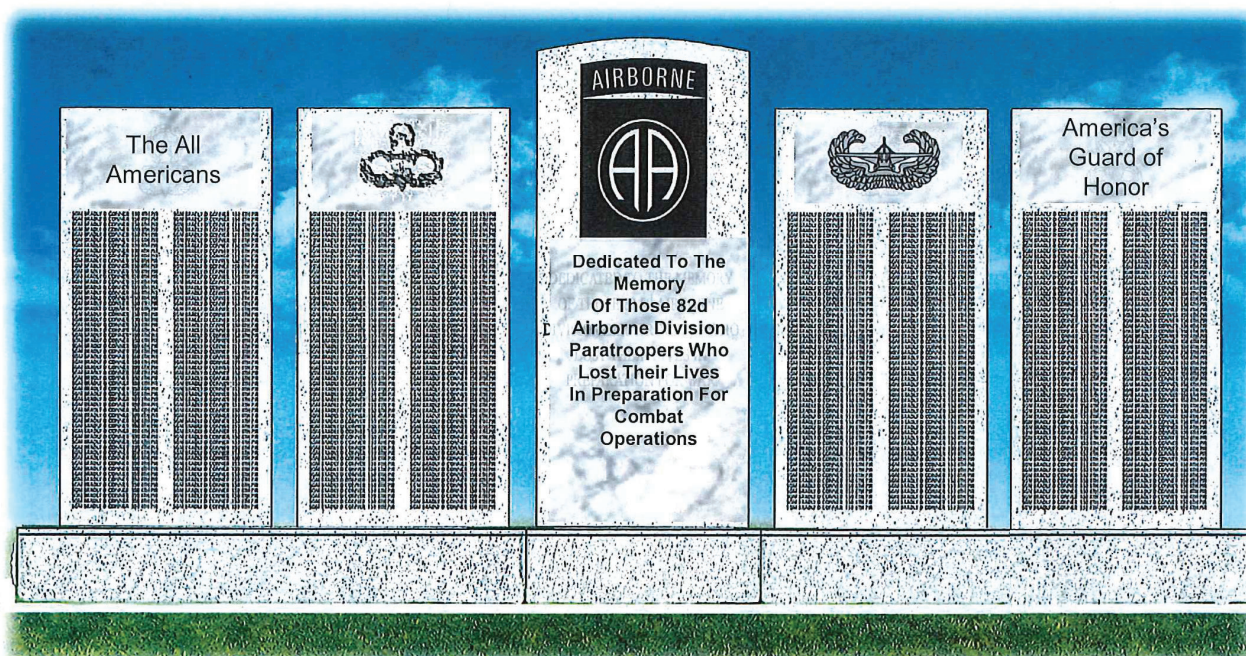
If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.



“Dedicated To The Memory Of Those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers Who Lost Their Lives In Preparation For Combat Operations”



The 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association was formed to aid the 82d Airborne Division in raising and managing funds acquired from private donations to help memorialize significant events and the Soldiers of the Division through material markers in the 82d Airborne Division area.

The Association is fundraising with the goal of adding a new granite memorial at the 82d Airborne Division Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The concept design for the memorial is seen in the image above.

All donations to the project are tax deductible.

Those making a donation of \$82 or more will receive a certificate from the Memorial Association

Use the form below and mail your donation to:

82d Airborne Division Memorial Association, P.O. Box 43359, Fayetteville, NC 28309-3359

Name _____		Phone _____
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City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Signature _____	Date _____	Donation Amount _____

SPECIAL OBITUARY

Remembering Charles Milton “Andy” Andersen, Jr.

Past President, 82nd Airborne Division Association

The 82nd Airborne Division Association honors the life and legacy of Charles Milton “Andy” Andersen, Jr.—a proud paratrooper, devoted veteran, and dedicated leader within our Airborne community.

Andy served 26 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves, including time with the 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. Special Forces, retiring as a First Sergeant. In 1974, he served as National President of the 82nd Airborne Division Association and had the rare honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—twice, in 1974 and again in 2003.

His commitment to service extended well beyond the military. Andy held leadership roles in numerous veteran organizations, including the Special Forces Association, the Vietnam Montagnards Association, and the John Steele Chapter of the 82nd in Chicago. He also gave tirelessly to his local community in Oak Lawn, leading commissions, chambers, and civic efforts, earning recognition including the Boy Scouts’ Silver Beaver Award.

Founder of Andersen Builders Inc., Andy built not only homes but a legacy—working alongside his sons and grandsons as a proud union carpenter for over six decades.

At the heart of it all was family. Andy was a devoted husband, a proud father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a steady presence to many. He lived with purpose, always ready to lend a hand, solve a problem, or lead by example.

We are grateful for Andy’s leadership, friendship, and unwavering dedication to the Airborne community.





PAST PRESIDENT



ANDY ANDERSEN





TAPS



The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

Paul Mango, a member of the ISG Leonard A. Funk M.O.H., Western Pennsylvania Chapter, passed away on January 16th, 2025. Paul was a Ranger, Captain in the Field Artillery of the 82nd Airborne Division. Paul served as Chief Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief of Staff at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from 2018 to 2019. Paul played a key role in Operation Warp Speed, supporting the development and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Joseph Bobber, a member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 89, passed away on December 7th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Eleanor, three brothers, and nieces and nephews. He served in D/325 AIR.

Lars Carter Gudal Jr., a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away on October 20th, 2024. He is survived by his father, daughter, sister and nieces. He served in D 2-508 PIR and earned his Combat Infantryman Badge during his deployment to Grenada.

James Earle Tumlin Jr., a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away on

October 17th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Judith and his four children. He was predeceased by his parents and one son. He served as an ISG in HHC I-325 AIR.

Bernandio Mangiboyat, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away on March 24th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Mila, son Bernie, daughter Kim, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two siblings. He served in multiple units across 82nd Airborne Division to include B/1-505 PIR, 504 PIR and 325 AIR.

Donald B. Watson, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, passed away on March 28th, 2025. He served with the 325 AIR, 82nd ABN DIV Honor Guard 1954-1959; XVII ABN Corps 1959-1961; Special Warfare Center G-3 Air Operations 1961-1963; 10th Special Forces Group. Bad Tolz, Germany 1963-1966; 6th Special Forces Group Fort Bragg, NC 1966-then retired from the Army December 1st, 1968. AIRBORNE!!

Edward Kory, a member of the North Central Florida Chapter, 97, passed away peacefully on March 19th, 2025. He was a WWII veteran having served with the 11th

Airborne Division and was part of the occupation forces in Japan.

Marion Hilson, a member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, passed away on April 15th, 2024. He served as a medic in HHC/I-325 AIR.

Lawrence "Bud" Ray West, a member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, passed away on June 11th, 2019. He is survived by his wife Nancy of 68 years and two children. He served in 675 PFA, II ABN DIV.

Robert Bragg, a member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, 88, passed away on April 8th, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Kay, daughter Carmen, brother Carl, grandson Shawn and great-grandchild Chelsea. He attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major while serving in the 19th Special Forces.

Carl Paczkowski, a member of the CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, 91, passed away peacefully on January 26th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Ann, son John, daughters Barbara, Susan and Diana, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He served in I Co 3-504 PIR.

Lewis Jones, a member of the CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away on December 24th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Madeline, son Lewis, daughter Christine, and five grandchildren. He served in the 101st ABN DIV and U.S. Army Special Forces.

Philip E. Harris, a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, passed away on June 6th, 2021. He is survived by his daughter Phyllis and niece Nancy. He served in both D/505 PIR and the 82nd Airborne Division Band.

Charles Bartels Jr., a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, passed away on January 3rd, 2025. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Sima, son Gregg, daughter Aimee and grandson Christopher. He served in A/325 AIR.

Thomas DeCasere, a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, 90, passed away on January 3rd, 2023. He is survived by his daughter Debra, sister Catherine and many nieces and nephews. He served in 187 RCT.

Urbano Principe, a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, passed away on March 17th, 2024. He is survived



by his son Tim, daughter Tami and grandchildren. He served in D/325 AIR.

Paul Lisun Sr., a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, passed away on March 3rd, 2023. He is survived by his sons Paul, Daniel, Thomas, daughter Linda, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a Korean war veteran and a proud member of the 11th Airborne and served in 82nd ABN DIV as well.

Angel Manuel Rodriguez Hernandez, a member of the Puerto Rico Lozada-Rubio Conde chapter, passed away on February 23rd, 2025. He is survived by his wife Araceliz and four children. He served in E (RGRS), 65th INF DIV.

Kerry "Top" Dean Hall, a member of the Tillman E. Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne chapter, passed away on January 24th, 2025. Top is

survived by his brother, son, daughter and grandchildren. He served in D/1-17 CAV.

Dana Charles Johnson, a member of the Golden Brigade chapter, passed away on March 11th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Sandi, son Chris, daughter Kelly and four grandchildren. He was a Vietnam veteran having served in A/1-508 PIR, 3 BD (RVN).

Tony Buchanan Sr., a member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, 83, passed away on September 6th, 2024. He is survived by his children, Terri, Tony, Kim and Lisa, three step-children, Sharon, Wendy and Doug, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, three sisters. He served in C/327 PIR, 101st ABN DIV and 509 PIR.

Victor Herman Banke, a member of the Washington

Evergreen State chapter, 98, passed away on May 29th, 2023. He is survived by his son Daniel, daughters Carol and Mary, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a WWII Veteran and an 82nd Airborne Division Association Charter member. He served with both K Co/3-325, 82nd ABN DIV and F/401, 101st ABN DIV.

Joe Harris, a member of the Triple Nickles and 555 Parachute Infantry Association, 108, passed away on March 15th, 2025. He was believed to be the oldest surviving WWII paratrooper as well as a member of the U.S. Army's First All-Black Parachute Infantry Battalion. He is survived by his son Pirate Joe, two daughters Michaun and Latanya and five grandchildren.

Morton N. Katz Esq., a member of the Greater Hartford chapter, 105, passed away

on February 3rd, 2025. He is survived by his wife Shirley, two daughters Rachel and Naomi, grandchildren and nephews. He was a WWII veteran and an 82nd Airborne Division Association Charter member. He served in 502 PIR, 101st ABN DIV, HHC/509 PIR and HHC/505 PIR 82nd ABN DIV. Additionally, he served as the Judge Advocate Emeritus to the 82nd Airborne Division Association for numerous years.

Charles Milton "Andy" Andersen Jr., a member of the John Steel chapter, passed away on March 3rd, 2025. He is survived by his wife Sandy, daughter Beth Ann, sons Mark and Jason, 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He served in A/307 ENG BN, 82nd ABN DIV. Additionally, he served as the 21st 82nd Airborne Division Association President.



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CHAPTER ISSUES: Some Chapters continue to struggle and have leadership issues, for a lot of reasons; illness, aging, family problems, etc. If no-one from the Chapter membership steps up, then it is inevitable that the Chapter may have to close. Another possibility is that Chapters may want to consider merging. In ALL cases, Chapter Officers must notify their membership, and then eventually enter the outcome in the Chapter meeting minutes. Next, the Chairman must notify National by mailing a signed letter of their intent. If the Chapter is closing, all Chapter monies and possessions must be provided the National office via Registered or Certified mail in accordance with the Association By-Laws. Exec. Director, James Grimes, ATW!

WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Air- borne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker
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1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Air- borne tab.

1980 - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

1992 - During Desert Storm, coordinated corporate and personal contributions amounting to \$4 million in goods and services and \$17,000 cash to help family members of deployed soldiers.

1994 - Following the accident at Pope, the Association provided \$5,000 for emergency use, Chapters in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia provided much needed support for hospitalized soldiers and their families.

2005-2009 - Provided donations for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Monument.

Beginning 2002 through 2012 - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington D.C.) and Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD and Brooke Medical Center (San Antonio, TX). Contributed funds for the new Division Chapel Stained Glass Window.

2009 - Hosted 42 Wounded Warrior and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 63rd Annual Convention.

2010 - Hosted 47 Wounded Warriors and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 64th Annual Convention.

2011 - Hosted 32 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations at the 65th National Convention.

2012 - Hosted 16 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and

Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

2013 - Hosted 7 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 67th National Convention.

2014 - Hosted 2 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 68th National Convention.

2015 - Donation to 82nd Museum \$1,000; Education Fund \$1,000. Sponsored Wounded Warriors at 2015 All American Week and Convention through Wounded Warrior Fund. Provided grants to 93 applicants through Education Fund.

2016 - Donation to All American members killed in training Memorial \$1,000. Donation of food to the Division Food Locker.

2016-2024 Holiday Troop Support - We provided 1,000 meals to the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

National Airborne Heritage Day – Through the efforts of Association members across the country for the past eleven years, the U.S. Senate, as well as many states and municipalities, have recognized August 16th as National Airborne Day, now named Airborne Heritage Day.

2018 - Inaugural All American Adventure – The Association had the honor of partnering with The Center for Discovery, in hosting 20 Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division for the first ever 'All American Adventure', in Hurleyville, NY. This project was made possible only by the generous gift of the Vera and Walter J. Scherr Foundation. The 'All American Adventure' project helps find ways

to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The inaugural event, inspired by The Center's world-renowned model for health and wellness, was developed specifically for our Troopers to help support and honor our men and women of the Division, who have recently returned home after nine month deployments in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

2018 Hurricane Florence Relief – We provided 250 Commissary gift cards to young Troopers and their families who lost their perishable goods during the power outages caused by Hurricane Florence.

2018 Holiday Concert – We provided hundreds of bags of candy for Santa to distribute to children during the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert.

2019 All American Adventure - The Association again partnered with the Center for Discovery and hosted a group of service men and women for a resiliency weekend in the Catskill Mountains in NY.

WWII Veteran Return to Normandy - The Association had the Honor of sponsoring a return trip for some of our WW II Veterans to Normandy, France for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

2018-2019 All American Adventure Project bringing Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to Catskill Mountains for a 4 day retreat of boating, fishing, hiking, biking, good food, campfires and concerts. Project is designed as a resiliency getaway for Troopers to relax and reenergize. Project will be done annually.

2019 - Sponsored trip for 4 82nd Airborne Division

WW II Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

2019- Sponsored the attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World WW II Veterans at the 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC.

2024 9/11 Run to Remember - Hosted first annual Run to Remember 5k in honor of those lost on 9/11/2001.

2024 Hurricane Helene Relief – Held a donation drive and provided St. Michael's All Airborne Chapter with multiple trailers of cold weather gear and a \$2,000 donation to help Veterans and their families impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

2024 Hurricane Milton Relief – Provided a \$2,000 donation to My Warriors Place in Tampa, Florida to support Veterans impacted by Hurricane Milton.

BENEFITS

Beyond the obvious benefits of lifetime friendships and membership in a Brotherhood that has no equal, the following are provided to members:

- Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of Military news.
- Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.

- Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.
- Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.
- Choose one of over 80 local Chapters through-out the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.
- Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.
- Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.
- Maintain that bond with the Military community.

With your support, the Association can continue is to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.



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PARAGLIDE GUIDE

The Paraglide is your magazine. To make it professional and easy to read as possible, the following guidelines and pointers are offered.

CHAPTER NEWS

Space - Under the current structure of the Paraglide, each chapter is allocated a half page and we will use all submissions. When chapters submit more than that amount, it becomes necessary for the Executive Director to edit. You can calculate the one half page space using the following method. Set margins so that you have a 60-character line. Approximately 50 lines will equal one half page. Subtract approximately 12 to 15 lines for each photo.

Issue Dates - The Paraglide is published on the 30th of January, April, July and October. When you submit, write as if all events up to the publication date have taken place even if they haven't or hold it until the next issue.

STYLE

Ranks: It is policy of the Association to only use rank when the individual is active duty SGT, a general officer MG, or when the individual retired CSM (R) or former rank is significant to the story. **Dates and Times:** All dates and times are written civilian style. Do not include day with date; example: 4 p.m., July 15, 2009.

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- Change of Officers.
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- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

NEWS ARTICLES

News stories are generally based on an event and are reported written in the inverted pyramid style. This means the most important facts should go into the first paragraph, with the other details following in descending order of importance.

FEATURES

Feature stories are the soul of any publication. They're the heartwarming personality profiles, the tragic but heroic war stories, the photo features that make you believe you're there and the indomitable histories of people and events that have shaped the 82nd and the Association.

PHOTOS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is a dynamic group and the Paraglide should reflect that energy. When possible, submit action photos as opposed to posed or static shots. A good rule of thumb is to select photos in which the subjects' heads are dime-size or larger. Neither Xerox copies nor newspaper clippings can be reproduced for publication.

Caption: Identify everyone in the photo whose face is clearly shown. From left to right, include their first and last names.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

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