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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



LAWRENCE J. SLAVICEK

Fellow members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association,

Summer's in full swing, and for many of us, that means one thing: our Annual National Convention is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to joining many of you in Knoxville, Tennessee, as we come together once again to celebrate our shared history, strengthen old bonds, and keep our Association moving forward.

This year's location has something special to offer. From the scenic beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains to the local music, food, and culture of East Tennessee, I think you'll find that Knoxville brings a great backdrop to everything we value — camaraderie, tradition, and family. There's plenty to explore and enjoy, and I'm proud that we're gathering in a place that reflects both the strength and the warmth of our Airborne spirit.

While we take time to reconnect and reflect, I'm also focused on what's ahead. The work to modernize and grow our Association continues. From improving how we communicate to finding new ways to support our members and chapters, there's still much to do — but with the energy I've seen across the country, I'm confident we're heading in the right direction.

To all of you keeping the mission alive — thank you. Your dedication is what makes this Association more than just a name; it's what keeps it personal, relevant, and resilient.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Knoxville.

Airborne All The Way,

Lawrence J. Slavicek

National President

82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Troopers!

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the heart of summer with family and friends. As we look ahead, we're excited to welcome you to the 79th Annual National Convention, taking place August 6-9 in Knoxville, Tennessee! It's shaping up to be a fantastic event filled with great activities, camaraderie, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow Troopers.



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

We're also preparing for our National Airborne Day "All American" Flash Sale, happening for one day only on August 16th, 2025. It's a perfect chance to renew your membership or encourage others to join and support the mission.

Our Airborne Night Out event series is in full swing! We'll be teaming up once again with the Fayetteville Woodpeckers to treat Paratroopers and their families to a well-deserved night of baseball and camaraderie. This fall, we'll head out to 7 Branch Farm for a night at the rodeo, and this winter, we'll join the Fayetteville Marksmen for an exciting hockey game. These events offer a great opportunity for our Troopers to unwind and connect with their community. Reach out to the National Office to see how you can get involved.

And of course, we'll continue honoring our legacy with our annual 9/11 Remembrance Run, Ruck, Walk 5K—a time to come together, reflect, and pay tribute. Holiday Troop Support is right around the corner, where we'll be able to give 1,000 meals to Paratroopers and their families for the Thanksgiving and December Holidays. Be on the lookout for our new event on the horizon Spring of 2026, Pedal for Paratroopers. We couldn't do it all without the support of our amazing Airborne members!

As always, it's an honor to serve as your Executive Director. Your continued support and commitment to our mission make all of this possible. Keep up the outstanding work in your Chapters and communities, and don't hesitate to reach out to the National Office if you need anything—we're here for you.

Airborne! All the Way!

ISG (R) James Grimes

Executive Director

82nd Airborne Division Association

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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



WEST VIRGINIA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The West Virginia Chapter's transformation over the past 16 months is a testament to perseverance, teamwork, and unshakable Airborne pride. When new leadership took over in January 2024, the chapter was facing serious challenges—968 unread emails, no computer, and just \$675 in the bank. But thanks to the tireless dedication of members, and the generous support of a few determined individuals, the chapter has not only survived—it has thrived.

The turnaround has been remarkable. Through raffles, fundraisers, and grassroots outreach, the WV Chapter has raised more than \$6,000 and welcomed 6 new lifetime members, 8 new annual members, and 38 renewals. Monthly meetings—often held at local restaurants and veteran-owned businesses—have created a strong sense of community. A vibrant online presence, combined with old-fashioned mail and personal connections, ensures every member stays included and informed.

Community involvement is now a cornerstone of the chapter's identity. From parades and car shows to bake sales and festivals, members have proudly represented the 82nd Airborne across West Virginia. Highlights include participation in the long-running Grafton Memorial Day Parade, the high-energy "Yak Fest" in St. Alban, and several car shows that not only raise funds but reconnect the chapter with former troopers across the state. The chapter's signature vehicle—the "82nd Airborne Mustang"—has become a mobile symbol of Airborne spirit and will soon be featured on live TV as part of a major promotional campaign for the chapter's first annual car show.

The WV Chapter's generosity has extended far beyond state lines. They've donated to disaster relief efforts in California and Tennessee, provided ongoing support to the Veterans Home in Barboursville, and even gifted a trailer to a displaced family. Events like the annual Bridge Day celebration in Fayetteville, WV have not only boosted fundraising but also allowed the chapter to share its mission with tens of thousands of attendees.

From a joyful Christmas dinner at Glade Spring Resort to a \$3,000 fundraiser raffle for a Glock 19 pistol, every activity reflects the chapter's resilience, creativity, and commitment to service. Their progress is a powerful reminder that even in the face of adversity, Airborne spirit can rebuild, reconnect, and reignite a community.

Through selfless leadership, bold outreach, and an unbreakable bond of brotherhood, the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter has gone "All the Way"—and earned the title of Chapter of the Year.



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

WEST VIRGINIA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



2026 NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Burkhart, Robert (Kentucky Airborne) – He joined the Association in 2014 and is an AAM since 2021. He has been Chairman and Vice-Chairman of his Chapter. He served 4 years on jump status, being with the 325 AIR, 82nd Airborne Division. He would like to help bring the Association back together as a healthy organization, help re-establish the National Convention to the premier airborne event of the year, and help, where needed, to strengthen the Association.

Aviles, Alberto (General Dennis L Via All Airborne Signal Chapter) – An AAM since 2019, he most recently served as the Charter Membership Director of the Chapter. During his tenure as membership Director, he was a key player in the Chapter's provisional and chapter year leadership wherein he spearheaded an effective membership campaign that recruited an unprecedented total of 65 Chapter Members for the Chapter. He subsequently employed his organizational skills to attract and engage an additional 15 members during his term, to ensure sustainability of the Chapter. He also collaborated in the development of the Chapter's webpage, SOPs, by-laws and other key functional areas of Chapter operations. His contributions to the planning team of the Inaugural Signal Chapter Dinner held during the 2019 Convention ensured the event's success. Notably, his devotion and commitment to the Association has extended to his presence in each Convention since 2018 and his service as Chapter Delegate. He is currently serving in leadership positions in other veterans' organization. If elected, he will continue to utilize his organizational, motivational, and networking skills to help grow the Association during his tenure. With his experience in non-profit veteran's organization, he brings a proven record of successful fundraising, public relations and attracting Veterans to the organizations in which he has supported.

Cinatl, Darren (Andrews Bostick Grimes Central Texas All Airborne Chapter) – Darren served honorably in the 504th PIR from January 2020 to January 2022, and previously in the 1/507th PIR from May 2015 to October 2018. He served in Division HQ from October 2018 to January 2020, and again from 2022 to May 2023. His combat deployments include service in Iraq (January–February 2020) and Afghanistan (June 2014–March 2015). A dedicated member of the Andrews Bostick Grimes Central Texas Chapter, Darren brings both recent experience and strong leadership to the Association.

He currently serves as president of the All Airborne Battalion, a nonprofit organization committed to honoring the legacy of Airborne veterans through PTSD awareness and recovery retreats, historical education and outreach, veteran and first responder support events, and live airborne demonstrations at public events. Under his leadership, the organization continues to promote esprit de corps and preserve the proud traditions of military service.

If selected as a National Director, Darren will focus on strengthening veteran engagement, expanding awareness of Airborne history, and supporting programs that uplift those who served. His energy, combat-tested leadership, and dedication to Airborne values make him a strong asset to the future of the Association.

Dahlgren, Ron (North Central Florida All Airborne Chapter) – An AAM since 2014. He is a combat veteran with service in the 504th PIR. He was previously affiliated with the South Florida All Airborne Chapter. Since joining the NCFAAC, he has taken on the responsibility for the chapter newsletter ("The Canopy"), modernized the roster to a more convenient spreadsheet format, and worked with Congressman Daniel Webster to recognize the chapter's longevity. If selected for a National Director position, he would focus on streamlining our membership handling process at the National level including focus on self service by the chapters' Increasing the ability of the chapters to check or update members' information will drastically reduce the burden on the executive staff and enable chapters. As a career software engineer, he can bring his unique skills and experience to bear on this goal.

2026 NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Slabach, Cletus (Fayetteville Chapter) – An AAM since 1992, he has served as a National Director two previous times as a member of the Tillman Beikes Indianapolis All Airborne and Toledo Chapters. He served on the Awards and By-Laws Committees, on his second term he was the Chairman of the By-laws Committee. If elected, he will continue to utilize his organization, motivational, and networking skills to help grow the Association during his tenure. With his experience in non-profit veteran's organization, he brings a proven record of successful fundraising, public relations and attracting Veterans to the organizations in which he has supported.

Mayville, David (Texas – Lone Star Chapter) – An All American Member since 2022, David served with distinction in HHC, 1/325 AIR from May 1986 to September 1988. A proud member of the Texas Lone Star Chapter, he is a committed paratrooper who continues to support the mission and values of the Association. David brings with him a deep respect for Airborne traditions and a strong desire to contribute to the growth and engagement of the Association. If selected as a National Director, he will work to strengthen connections across chapters, encourage veteran participation, and support initiatives that preserve our shared legacy.

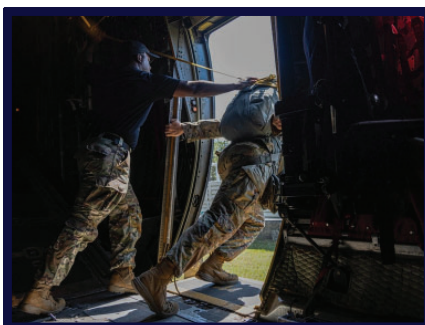
Walker, Lee (Benavidez-Patterson All Airborne Chapter) - CSM (Ret.) Lee Walker has been a Life Member of the Association since 1993. He honorably served for 29 years in the U.S. Army, including over 12 years in the 82nd Airborne Division with the 325th AIR and 505th PIR, holding leadership roles from Rifleman to Operations Sergeant with 2nd Brigade. He deployed three times with the 82nd to OIF. A dedicated member of the Benavidez-Patterson All Airborne Chapter since 2010, he has served as Trustee, 1st Vice Chairman, and Chapter Chairman three times. He led major community engagement efforts, including managing over 20 events annually as Chapter Bar Manager, doubling chapter income, and coordinating programs such as Partners in Education, school bicycle donations, and ROTC support. He also serves as Chapter Color Guard Commander and represents the Chapter at community and veteran events. If elected National Director, CSM (Ret.) Walker will bring proven leadership, deep community ties, and a lifelong commitment to the values of the Airborne to the National Organization.

Mauro, Dave (NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter) – A Life Member since 2012, Dave has previously served as a chapter delegate and business liaison. He played a pivotal role in establishing the chapter's outreach program with local businesses, significantly enhancing the chapter's visibility and engagement within the community. His contributions also include coordinating the chapter's All Airborne Days Ceremony, managing chapter picnic activities, and directing fundraising efforts in partnership with local organizations. These efforts have led to increased chapter membership and elevated public awareness of both the chapter and the Association. If selected as a National Director, Dave plans to leverage his organizational, motivational, and networking skills to help grow the Association. With a strong background in non-profit veteran organizations, he brings a proven track record in fundraising, public relations, and veteran outreach. The NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter proudly endorses Dave Mauro for the position of National Director.

Voting will take place on Friday, August 8th, 2025 during the General Membership Meeting. Members must be present to vote and valid 82nd Airborne Division Association membership card is required to receive a ballot. A sample ballot is available on our website at:
www.82ndairborneassociation.org



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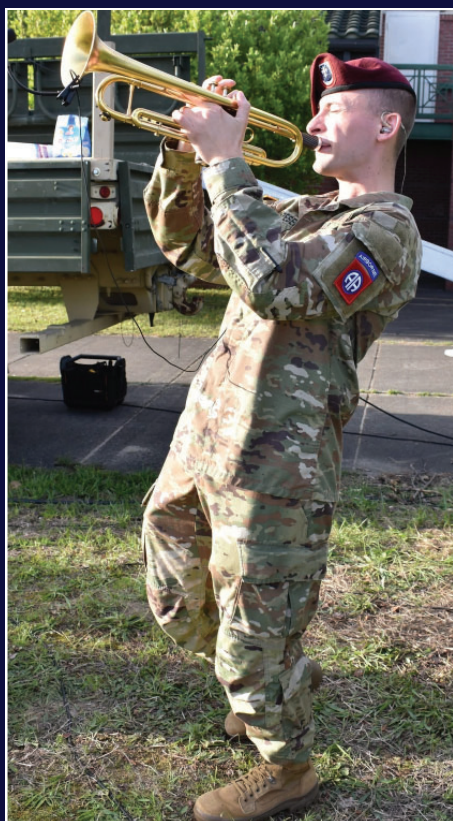
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The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial

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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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DESERT STORM
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.

GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CHAPTER

The Pvt John Towle MOH Chapter has had a very busy year thus far. Members attended the Cuyahoga Veteran of the year dinner. We have participated in two parades , one in Warren Ohio, and a very packed parade in Lake wood Ohio. We were the Color Guard at the NHRA Nationals for Summit Racing in Norwalk, Ohio.

Members traveled to Ft Bragg, NC for All American Week. Yes FT BRAGG, NC the center of the universe.

The chapter hosted a joint range/ meeting day with the Special Forces Association at Stonewall Shooting Range. Our chapter has been blessed by all the family and friends that are participating in our community events.

I thank all of them for their support and participation.

Thanks goes out to the Jim Quisenberry family, the George Evangelista family, Rich Tennison, Sean Jennings, Tom and Sue Ryan, The James Harris Family, James Harshman family, and especially Dee Dee Kuharik. They have all done so much to keep this chapter growing.



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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

Our Chapter represented the 82nd Airborne as well as other Airborne Units in The Villages' annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Mar 17. Shown below from left, taking their golfcarts are: Leo McInnis, Rich Becker, Adrian Stocker, Tony Alger, Mike Devlin and Chris Adams. The picture to the right is Mike and his wife Vickie as we are preparing our carts.



The picture left includes Hope Alger (Irish disguise). The crowd cheered us on with familiar Airborne chants. A great time was had by all.

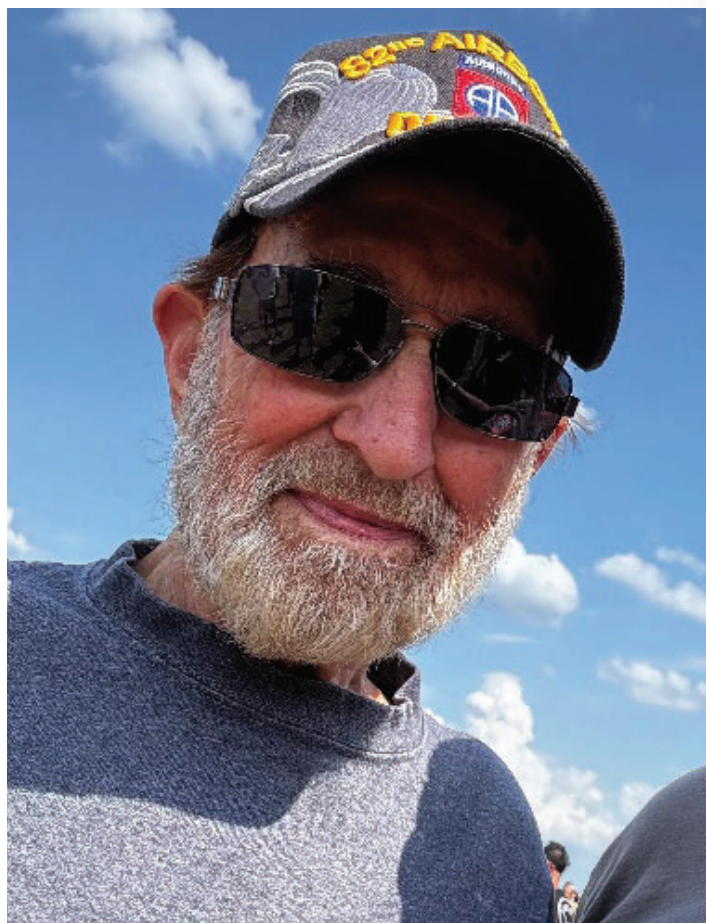
Our Annual Picnic had a great turn out with our tank and lots of music and food. Our Chairman is thanking Bill Little for his donation of a painting to be raffled off for a future fund raising event.

Pictured left is Our Vice Chairman Gary Blasczienski awarding the 82nd Airborne Division Association Medal and Certificate to JROTC Cadet Richard Telesco II of West Port High School in Ocala, FL.

Our Chapter had a meeting at Lake Dora, Tavares, FL because several of our members were participating in a water jump there. Ken Hall pictured below was the second oldest paratrooper 86, jumping that day. This is his 1st jump since 1958! Also below is Ken as a young paratrooper. Airborne brother! Other participants were Chris Fyfe (R), and Tony Alger and his wife Hope Alger. A total of 180 jumpers hit the lake in 9 passes. Our aircraft was the "Tico Belle" a C-47 which took the 82nd Airborne to St Mere Eglise, Normandy. She also participated in Market Garden, the relief of Bastogne and also the Berlin Air Lift. Jumping out of her was a real treat.



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NORTH TEXAS "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER

Our chapter is also happy to announce David Smith as our Trooper of the Quarter. He served 14 years in the Army with assignments across various units, 101st ABN DIV (1/502 INF AASLT), 2/52 Aviation Regiment, 4/159th Aviation Regiment under 18th ABN Corps, 3/82 Aviation within 82nd ABN DIV, and 2/501st Aviation Regiment in the 1st Armored Div. He has six deployments combined from OIF, OEF, and Korea. After military service, David maintained the high OPTEMPO by working as a security officer and getting involved with his church and local outreach programs. David is a selfless and gives is all to help others.



David Smith NTC Trooper of the QTR



North Texas at AAW 2025



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NORTH TEXAS "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER



North Texas at AAW 2025



David Smith with his Family

NEW JERSEY CPL STEVEN KOCH "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER

Several members of the NJ-CPL Steven Koch Chapter participated in the activities of All American Week at Fort Bragg this year. Traveling down from New Jersey, the chapter members meet at Moon Hall on Fort Bragg on Sunday at the initial welcome reception for the Association attendees. It was during this time that the Commanding General, MG Pat Work, and the Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Randolph Delapena, introduced themselves and was able to spend a few minutes talking with our members. During this reception, the members were able to meet the British Deputy Commander attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, BG Henry Llewelyn-Usher.

The members took advantage of many of the activities offered during All American Week, which included a veterans breakfast at the 2BCT Dining Hall, during which the Division CSM, along with the cook staff, served the attendees their breakfast. A barbarque picnic luncheon was offered by the 325th Infantry, where they had set up a display of tactical gear for all to review. Also offered to the All American Week attendees was the use of the 34 foot tower, for anyone that wanted to experience a part of the training completed by the airborne military; several members of our chapter, along with some of the family members, took advantage of it.

One of the highlights for the Chapter members was to witness the 82nd Division Run, all 18,000 paratroopers running down Long Street lead by MG Work. The Division Run was punctuated by the helicopter flyover and the artillery signaling of each of the battalions as they ran passed. During the run, MG Work actually recognized the Chapter Chairman, Mike Vasquez, and Chapter Secretary, Bob Dritschel, on the sidelines and broke formation to come over and shake their hands during the run. Very Cool for that to happen.

The All American Week activities were completed with a division review, during which all of the division veterans were offered the opportunity to march with the active troopers. The veterans lead the review of the entire division that was assembled on the parade field for this review. Commanding General Pat Work and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth were at the reviewing stand for this review of personnel. An awesome honor for the entire contingent of the New Jersey Chapter members that marched.

The Chapter members, during their time at All American Week, were able to visit the Battalion Command of the unit of the soldier that the Chapter was named after, the 508th Infantry, CPL Steven Koch. The headquarters has a display that recognizes the fallen soldiers and the Chapter Chairman, Mike Vasquez, contributed one of the Chapter coins to this display. The Commanding Officer had the entire battalion in formation for a picture with our Chapter members. Several pictures were taken and forwarded to CPL Steven Koch's family.

The formal dinner offered by the Association for the All American Week attendees was conducted on Thursday evening. It is here that the attendance of the New Jersey Chapter was recognized by MG Pat Work during his opening speech to the dinner. MG Work specifically mentioned during his speech the attendance of Chapter Member Matt Schnieder and his family. Matt and his entire family attended All American Week and took part in many of the activities and events. All members attending this year's All American Week had a great time and are sure to return.



Picture of Chapter Members with the paratroopers of the 508th infantry

NEW JERSEY CPL STEVEN KOCH "ALL AIRBORNE" CHAPTER



Association Dinner, (Left to right) Matt Schnieder, Joe Holloway, Bob Dritschel, Mike Vasquez, MG Pat Work, Frank Fisler, Dave Chelak, Dave Mauro



Association Reception, (Left to right) Mike Vasquez, MG Pat Work, Dave Chelak, BG Henry Llewelyn-Usher, Bob Dritschel

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The Chapter has had a fairly active time as we brought back the golf event at Bristol Oaks Golf Course. We were fortunate as we had a team who volunteered to organize it! They have more contacts within the community and were able to use them to find foursome's, sponsors and discounts from the golf course. They also brought the Chapter out into the twenty first century when taking reservations and money via the ever present cell phone. Chapter member Jimmy Gerber was particularly helpful with this process mastering the credit card swipe and tap procedure. A special thanks goes out to our Chaplain Gary Beltoya as he channeled General Patton's Chaplain and wrote a great weather prayer! The forecasters had predicted rain for most of the day and we only had a drizzle for a short period.

We were fortunate in that we invited Army wounded Warrior SGT Jason Smith to join us and Marine Wounded Warrior SGT Kyle Moser and his service dog "Ruger" drove up from his home in Illinois to meet up with Jason as they have been at Walter Reed doing rehab together. Both warriors lost their legs to IED's in Afghanistan. Everyone was proud to meet them and the pair with the aid of a putter got out on the course with a golf cart for more personal contact with members of the foursome's. While "Ruger" wanted to go along, there just wasn't room in the cart, so chapter members watched over "Ruger" until Kyle got back.

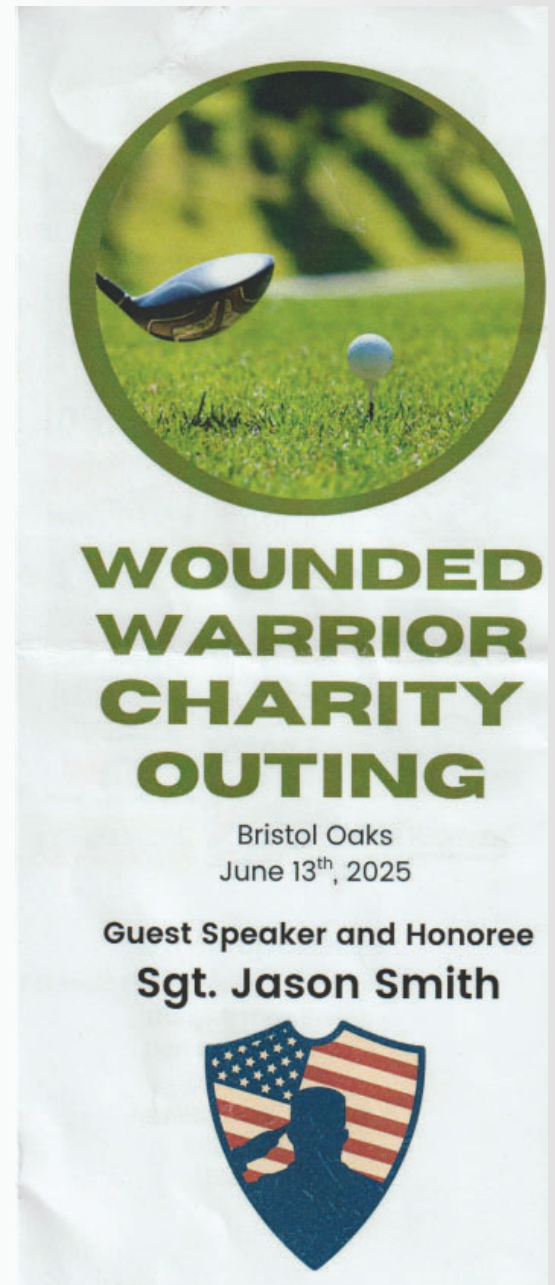
As always we were escorted to the golf course by members of the Legion Riders. These volunteers always come out for our events donating their time, buying raffle tickets and mixing with the participants. So many of the participants were from local companies that are "veteran friendly"! Mission BBQ came out in their Deuce and a Half Truck to pass out "Free Sandwich" cards to all of the veterans attending. They will be joining us again later this year for our annual car show!

As soon as dinner was over, the chapter presented SGT Smith with a check for five thousand dollars and made him an honorary member of the chapter. We also made Bill and Carolyn Garber honorary members of the chapter for all of the work they did organizing this event. We hadn't run a golf event since 2019 due to covid, so the success of the event we have the Garber's to thank. After dinner the raffles took place with chapter member Steve Brunell taking three prizes home and Linda Walters winning the 82nd Airborne Special Bottle of Bourbon. I'm sure we will see this bottle again at some future event.

Chapter member Dan Boring was visiting in Tucson, Arizona when he came across a the daughter of an 82nd Airborne MP who was wounded by and IED while assigned to the Protective Service Detachment in Iraq. Josh Perdue received the Purple Heart and was medically retired in 2016.

SGT Smith put us in contact with two other severely wounded warriors who will be receiving checks from the chapter. The first was Air Force Technical SGT Chris Ferrel who served numerous tours of duty with EOD in Afghanistan. He deployed not only other branches of our service, but also with British SAS. It was on one of those missions that one of the team triggered an IED, killing the individual and wounding Chris and other members of the team. Chris was eventually medically retired with TBD after being awarded both US and British heroism awards.

SPC4 Matt Leyva an IIB Infantryman was also wounded on patrol losing both of his legs to an IED in the southern province of Afghanistan. He is considered to be a triple amputee as the bone of his left arm is missing and has been fused. He is also



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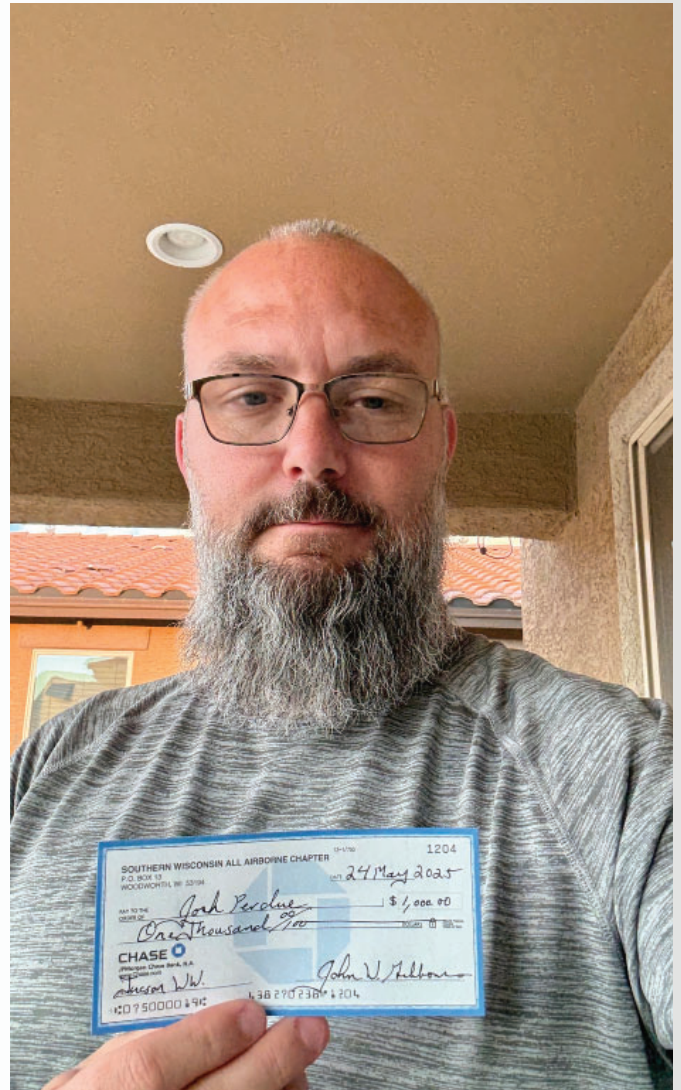
missing several fingers on his left hand. Next up for the Chapter is the annual Fec's Pig Roast Fund Raiser. It will be held on the 17th of August on the shores of Lake Michigan, which hopefully means we will get a nice cooling breeze off the lake! This is one of our favorites as it is a combined operation between a lot of groups in the community, Fec's Place of course and the Marine Corps League who traditionally donates and cooks the two pigs. We ran out of pork last year, which speaks to the popularity of this event. SGT Kyle Moser and his service dog "Ruger" will be our guest of honor. Live music, pork, corn on the cob, games and a keg or two to enjoy. If you're in the area, stop by!!

On the heels of the annual Pig Roast is our annual Car Show ta PETS next to UW -Parkside. Once again co-located with PETS Biergarten. Another favorite which drew over 400 cars last year! Fortunately we are assisted by "The Kenosha Legend's Car Club" who helps park the classic cars and trucks as they enter. They also do all of the judging and present trophies for several classes of cars attending. This gives the chapter the opportunity to interact with so many community groups that come out and set up to assist veterans.

More will be posted on both events on our FB page: 82ndSWAAC.



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER





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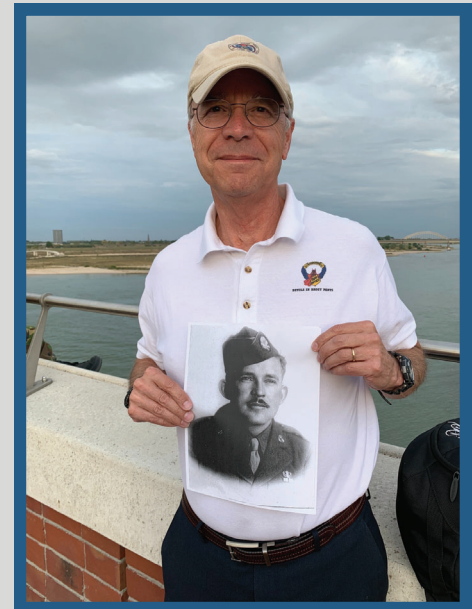
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Those Devils in Baggy Pants was originally published in 1951 by Ross S. Carter, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII. Carter, one of the three surviving members of his original platoon and Silver Star and Purple Heart awardee, sadly, was never able to see his book in print. Instead, the final chapters were pieced together by his brother, shortly after Carter's passing, with the help of Carter's meticulous notes.

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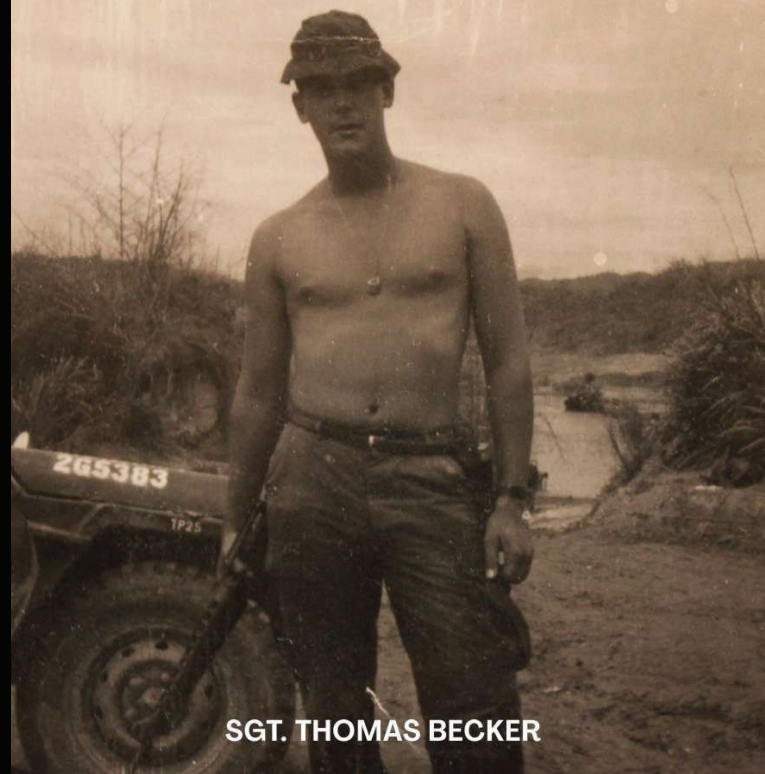
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SGT. THOMAS BECKER

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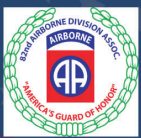


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The Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RACGWVI) provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, plans, and strategies related to understanding and treating the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the 1990 - 1991 Gulf War.



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Please join the VES and share your story—Hooah!

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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!

*Memorial Dinner - Coat and Tie/Cocktail

*Banquet - Coat and Tie/Evening Attire



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 79TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

August 6-9, 2025
Knoxville, Tennessee



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)!					
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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Hotel Reservations Information:

To make your reservation, please contact the hotel directly.

Crowne Plaza Knoxville

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Deluxe Guest Rooms Available for \$145 per Night (plus tax)

The hotel reservation cutoff date is **July 13, 2025**. After this date, room rates will increase, so be sure to book early! This special rate is available exclusively to those registered for the Convention. Rooms are limited - reserve yours now!

**Memorial Dinner - Coat and Tie/Cocktail*

**Banquet - Coat and Tie/Evening Attire*

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 5 Aug 2025:

	Event	Start Time	End Time	Location	Remarks
1	Association Convention Set Up	9:00	18:00	Various	
2	Convention Sales Setup	9:00	18:00	Salon A	
3	Hospitality Room Setup	9:00	18:00	Salon B/C	
4	Volunteer Briefing/Sign Up	10:30	11:30	Mezzanine Hall	**All interested volunteers**
5	Registration	15:00	18:00	Board Room 2	

Wednesday, 6 Aug 2025:

	Event	Start Time	End Time	Location	Remarks
1	Devil Hospitality	8:00	9:00	Tech Room	Coffee & snacks open to all attendees
2	Volunteer Briefing/Sign Up	8:30	9:30	Mezzanine Hall	** All interested volunteers**
3	Vendor Sales	9:00	21:00	Salon A	
4a	82nd Association Registration	9:00	11:30	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
5	Association Delegate Meeting	9:00	11:00	Summit 1	*All Registered Delegates
6	Association Directors Meeting	9:00	11:00	Board Room 1	
7	Official Opening of Convention	11:30	12:00	Mezzanine Hall	
8	Association Hospitality	12:00	23:59	Salon B/C	
4b	82nd Association Registration	12:30	16:30	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
9	Ed Fund/Wounded Warrior Meetings	13:00	16:00	Board Room 1	*Required for all National Directors
10	325 Meeting	14:00	15:00	Summit 1	*Meeting as required
11	DIVARTY Meeting	14:00	15:00	Summit 1	*Meeting as required
12	82nd Signal Meeting	14:00	15:00	Summit 1	*Meeting as required
13	Devil Hospitality	15:00	23:59	Tech Room	
14	504 Meeting	16:00	17:00	Summit 1	*Meeting as required
15	505 Meeting	16:00	17:00	Summit 1	*Meeting as required
16	Association Auction	19:00	20:00	Salon B/C	
17	Red Roz Live performance	20:00	21:30	Salon B/C	Music & Camaraderie

Thursday, 7 Aug 2025:

	Event	Start Time	End Time	Location	Remarks
1	Devil Hospitality	8:00	9:00	Tech Room	Coffee & snacks open to all attendees
2	Volunteer Briefing/Sign Up	8:30	9:30	Mezzanine Hall	** All interested volunteers**
3a	82nd Association Registration	9:00	11:00	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
4	Vendor Sales	9:00	21:00	Salon A	
5	VA Benefits Brief	9:00	12:00	Salon B/C	*Open to any/all veterans/RACGWVI Subcommittee
6	Convention Jersey Photo	12:00	12:15	Grand Staircase	Wear 82nd Jersey or best 82nd Swag
7	Association Hospitality	12:00	23:59	Salon B/C	
3b	82nd Association Registration	13:00	16:00	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
8	Association Delegate Session 2	13:00	15:00	Summit 1	*All Registered Delegates
9	Association Directors Meeting 2	15:30	16:30	Board Room 1	
10	Devil Dinner	18:00	21:00	Summit 1	*Tickets sold separately by 504 Assoc
11	Association Auction	21:00	21:30	Salon B/C	
12	Red Roz Live performance	21:30	22:30	Salon B/C	Music & Camaraderie

Friday, 8 Aug 2025:

	Event	Start Time	End Time	Location	Remarks
1	Devil Hospitality	7:00	8:00	Tech Room	Coffee & snacks open to all attendees
2a	82nd Association Registration	7:30	8:30	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
3	General Membership Elections	8:30	11:00	Summit 1	*Must be CURRENT registered member, Doors close and remain closed at 8:30hrs/Bring Assoc Member card
4	Vendor Sales	9:00	21:00	Salon A	

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

5	Spouses Brunch	10:00	13:00	Summit 1	Breakfast at Tiffany's theme
6	Old and New Directors Meeting	11:30	12:30	Board Room 1	
7a	Association Hospitality	12:00	16:00	Salon B/C	*Hospitality closed during dinner service
8	Association Delegate/Directors meeting	13:30	15:00	Summit 1	*All Registered Delegates/Directors
2b	Association Registration	13:30	15:00	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
9	Memorial Banquet Rehearsal	15:00	17:00	Summit 1	For Color Guard, Chorus, Band, Chaplain, MC, President
10	Memorial Dinner Cocktail Period	17:00	18:00	Summit Foyer	*Cash Bar
11	Memorial Dinner	18:00	21:00	Summit Ballroom	*Bring Provided Dinner Tickets
7b	Association Hospitality	21:00	23:59	Salon B/C	
12	Association Auction	21:00	21:30	Salon B/C	
13	Red Roz Live performance	21:30	22:30	Salon B/C	Music & Camaraderie

Saturday, 9 Aug 2025:

	Event	Start Time	End Time	Location	Remarks
1	Devil Hospitality	8:00	9:30	Tech Room	Coffee & snacks open to all attendees
2	82nd Association Registration	8:30	9:30	Board Room 2	Registration/Association Sales
3	Association/Vendor Sales	9:00	21:00	Salon A	
4a	Association Hospitality	12:00	16:00	Salon B/C	*Hospitality closed during dinner service
5	Association Banquet Rehearsal	13:00	15:00	Summit 1	For Color Guard, Chorus, Band, Chaplain, MC, President
6	Association Banquet Cocktail Period	17:00	18:00	Summit 1 Foyer	Cash Bar
7	Association Banquet	18:00	21:00	Summit Ballroom	*Bring Provided Dinner Tickets
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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

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

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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: (_____) _____

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Mail to: Dan Theile, 3906 SR 350, Lebanon, Ohio 45306

Online registration: www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html

Registration covers Banquet and hospitality room

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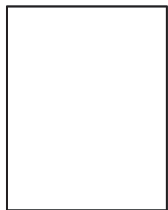
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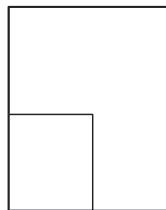


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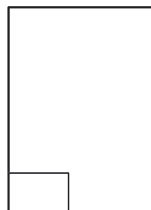


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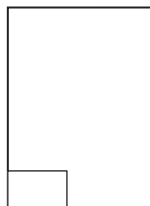
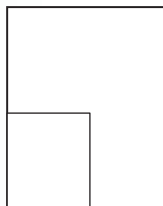
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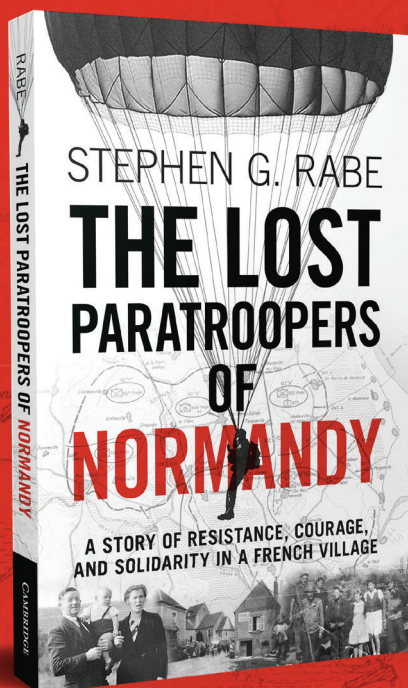
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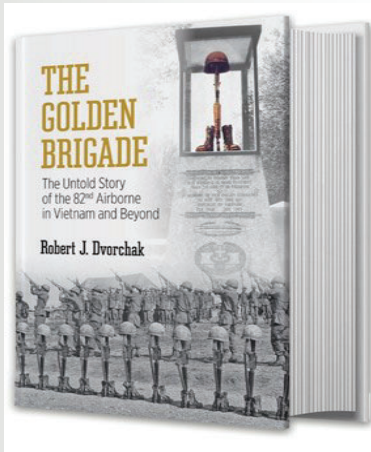


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82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund

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All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

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Occupation _____ Spouse _____

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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 _____

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

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Effective April 2023



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____ FIRST YEAR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS FREE	____ ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP (except for First Year) - \$8.20
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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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(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



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(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
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Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
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82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
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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 _____

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Widowed ☐
Married ☐
Male ☐
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Spouse's
First Name _____

Children _____

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Dues: _____

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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.



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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

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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 _____	

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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

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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.

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garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872.

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

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

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

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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.

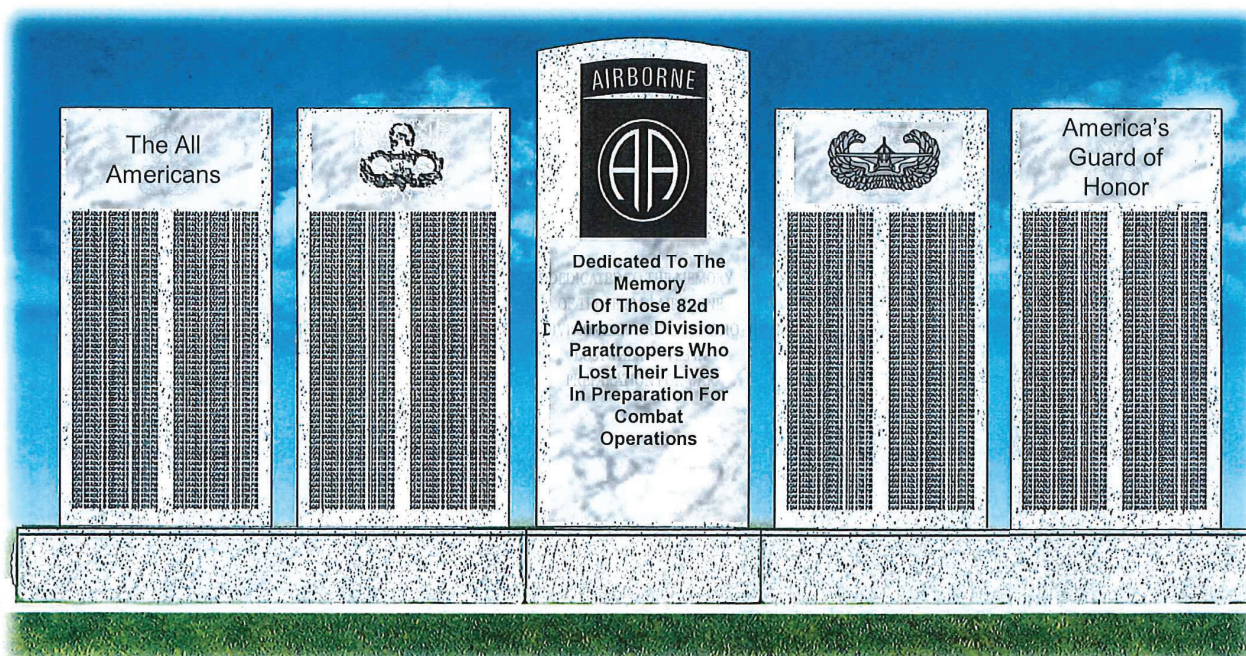
If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

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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NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY 2025

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 | 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 A.M. – LIBERTY TREE CEREMONY
8:30 A.M. – STATIC DISPLAYS OPEN
9:00 A.M. – WELCOME REMARKS
9:05–9:30 A.M. – PERFORMANCE BY THE
82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION BAND
9:30–9:45 A.M. – PERFORMANCE BY THE
ALL-AMERICAN CHORUS
9:45 A.M. – MOCK DOOR DEMONSTRATION
11:30 A.M. – PROCLAMATION SIGNING

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 85 YEARS OF AIRBORNE LEGACY! HOSTED BY THE XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS, THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY FESTIVAL HONORS THE COURAGEOUS PARATROOPERS WHO MADE THE FIRST U.S. ARMY PARACHUTE JUMP IN 1940—AND EVERY AIRBORNE SOLDIER SINCE.

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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.

Raymundo "Ray" Blanco Sr., a member of the Southern Arizona Chapter, 75, passed away on March 27th, 2025, surrounded by family. He is survived by Maria (mother of his children), three sons, Ray Jr., Miguel, Richard, and daughter Regina, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and siblings Cecelia and Angel. He was a longtime chapter member, helping with the Mid-Winter Conference and serving as a flag bearer in the Chapter Color Guard. He served in both A/508 PIR and 504 PIR.

John Clark, a member of the James W. Etherton, Detroit Chapter, passed away on March 28th, 2025. He is survived by his brother Eddie and son Jeffrey. John served in the 82nd Admin Co, 82ND ABN DIV, and was a veteran of Operation Power Pack in the Dominican Republic.

John J. Phelan, a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, 71, passed away on October 29th, 2023. He is survived by his wife of almost 47 years, Linda, daughter Pamela and son Jack, brother William, sisters Judy and Kelly, and three grandchildren. He served in both HHC/2-325 AIR and 2D BDE LRRPS.

Thomas M. Valichka, a member of the CPL Edward Slavin Chapter, 80, passed away

on April 18th, 2025, surrounded by his beloved family. He was preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Elizabeth P. Valichka, his eldest brother Bill Valichka Jr., and half-sister Shirley Smith. He is survived by his devoted wife, Tracie, and his cherished son Tom Jr., as well as many family members and friends. He served in 618 ENGR and A/307 ENGR.

Donald B. Kravitz, a member of the CPL Steven Koch Chapter, 82, passed away on January 15th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Carol, children Brett, Dr. Amy, Troy, Bryan, and Amy, 12 grandchildren, and siblings Karen and Eileen. He was a decorated Vietnam War Veteran. He served in 5th SFG.

Kenneth Edward Ray, a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 78, passed away peacefully on June 1st, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Ray and Ruth Nobles. He is survived by his wife Brenda, three sons, Thomas, Terence, and Timothy, and five grandchildren. A highly decorated Vietnam combat veteran, Kenneth served 27 years in the U.S. Army as an Airborne Infantry Paratrooper and Pathfinder, retiring as a Master Sergeant. His honors include the Vietnam Service Medal with five campaign stars, the Vietnam

Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Parachutist Badge with combat jump star, to name a few. He served with distinction in both 4-68 Armor and 1/17 Cav. Kenneth was a proud, active member and leader in the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Adolphus Lee Turner Jr., a member of the Fayetteville Chapter, 75, passed away on June 6th, 2025.

Lawrence Jerome "Jerry" Ring, a member of the Oklahoma All Airborne Chapter and a part of the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team, 93, passed away on July 20th, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Opal Ring, brother Albert, his former wife Betty, and his special friend, Cecil. He is survived by his daughters, Colleen and Carrie, grandchildren, "grand-dotters", great-grandchildren, and several other extended family members. Jerry proudly wore many hats during his distinguished military career. He earned a Green Beret as a Special Forces Army Ranger, the Maroon Beret as part of the elite Airborne Forces, and endured the unimaginable as a POW for 13 months. Yet, the one he treasured most was the helmet of a Paratrooper. Serving with distinction in the 82nd, 101st, and

11th Airborne Divisions, 187RCT, and 5 SFG-A, Jerry completed an astounding 437 jumps—including one combat jump, which earned him the combat star on his Airborne patch he wore with pride. He personified "AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY."

David Albert Sauers, a member of the ISG Leonard A. Funk, MOH Chapter, passed away on April 10th, 2025. David was a member of the MP Company of the 82nd Airborne Division from 1953 to 1955.

William J Tompko, a member of the ISG Leonard A. Funk, MOH Chapter, passed away on April 29th, 2025. William was a dedicated member of the chapter. He served in the Division Artillery.

James Denton Neumann II "Low-tech Neumann", a member of the North Texas Chapter, 78, passed away on April 16th, 2025. James was preceded in death by his parents, Louise and James Neumann I, younger siblings, Nancy, Charles, and William. He touched countless lives with his integrity, humor, and boundless enthusiasm for life. He served in HHC 2/504 PIR.

Dennis Digman, a member of the Evergreen State Chapter, passed away on June 29th, 2025.



He is survived by his children, Mark and Kristine, and grandchildren, Kyle and Alyssa. Dennis served in Headquarters Battery, DivArty.

Donald P. Mancini, a founding member of the Evergreen State Chapter, passed away

on February 18th, 2025. He is survived by his wife Margaret. Don served with the 187th during the Korean War and was the recipient of a Silver Star. He made one combat jump while with the 187th. Don is also the author of the western novel, "Legend's Fury." He was also an active

VFW member.

Robert "Bob" Williamson, a member of the Badger State Chapter, 87, passed away on December 15th, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Judy, son Kevin, daughter Vicki, and sister

Marjorie. Bob is survived by his children, Patrick, Michael, John, and Wendy, his 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, as well as his brother, Tim. He served in E/325 ABG, 82nd ABN DIV.

*Old Troopers never die,
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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.

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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.

2025 Winter Airborne Night Out - Provided 100 Paratroopers and their families members with dinner and tickets to a Fayetteville Marksmen Hockey Game for a night of camaraderie and fun.

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



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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.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO THE PARAGLIDE

Please send the items below to the Executive Director, not the Paraglide Editor. This is necessary in order to maintain accurate Association Records.

The Executive Director forwards appropriate information to the Editor.

- Change of Address
- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- 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

Submissions should be typed in upper and lower case letters. Please do not type in all capital letters. The name of your chapter should appear at the top of the page. When mailing, you may send registered or return receipt requested.

DEADLINES

The Paraglide deadlines are firm and should reflect upcoming events and those which took place the previous quarter.

The deadlines are as follows:

Issue / Deadline / Publish Date

Winter / December 30 / January 30

Spring / March 30 / April 30

Summer / June 30 / July 30

Fall / September 30 / October 30

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