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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY COVEY

Greetings Airborne Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. As always, I enjoyed meeting and talking to those of you who attended the recently held All-American Week at Ft. Bragg, now Ft. Liberty. It was a week of great weather, great food and drink and, most of all, great comradery! The opportunity to interact with today's paratroopers is such an honor allowed us. The Division really does go above and beyond to welcome its veterans home. Please put next year's event on your calendar. You'll be glad you did!

On Memorial Day, most of our Chapters hold solemn ceremonies honoring our fallen. Mine is no different. I was honored to speak at the annual ceremony held by the T.E. Beikes-Indianapolis All-Airborne Chapter. They have held this ceremony for nearly 40 years and I am proud to have attended most of them. I know that our paratroopers, wherever they might be, will always offer this day the reverence it deserves.

On the sixth of June, people the world over, pay remembrance to that Day of Days. The 82nd Airborne Division sent a contingent of paratroopers to Normandy, France to honor the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the end of WWII. Many of our Association members including a small group of WWII Veterans were in attendance as well. Some probably for the last time. The Greatest Generation is sadly ever-dwindling. The French will never forget them and so too should we always remember. They created the path for all paratroopers that have followed since.

The next event on the schedule will be the 82nd Airborne Association's National Convention to be held this year on August 14-17 in beautiful Orlando, Florida. The Rosen Centre will again make their Hotel available to us while offering us an unbelievable room rate. Maybe consider bringing your whole crew along and making a family vacation out of it. Make your reservations and get registered today. We'll see you there.

AATW,

Gary Covey

National President

82nd Airborne Division Association

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Fellow Members,

The 78 th Annual 82 nd Airborne Division Association Convention is quickly approaching and I can't wait to see all of you down in Orlando this year. The Tampa Bay Chapter has been working tirelessly putting together all the necessary arrangements for the hospitality suite and other great events planned for us. This will be the first Convention for me as your Executive Director of the National Office, so I am excited to highlight all of the hard work that has been put in so far this year and I can't wait to see so many of you.



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

The Association, through collaboration with the Board of Directors and many outside agencies is continuing to make great strides forward in the many objectives we have set out to achieve. We are currently planning our first National memorial 9-11 5k race to be held in the vicinity of Ft. Liberty this year. Additionally, we have just went live with our first gun raffle event, in partnership with Sig Sauer, that the Association has hosted in many years. Don't miss out on your chance to win an amazing firearm while helping to raise funds for some of our amazing programs. Just prior to All American Week, we hosted our first bi-annual "Airborne Night Out (ANO)". Through generous donations of our members and local businesses, we were able to host, at no charge, almost 150 Active-Duty Paratroopers and over 50 of our members to a catered dinner and baseball game at the Fayetteville Woodpeckers! Be on the lookout for our fall/winter ANO event, where we will be partnering with the Fayetteville Marksman for another wonderful night out. Additionally, efforts are currently underway to deliver 1000 meals to our beloved Active Duty Paratroopers as part of the Holiday Meals Program and its looking to be yet another resounding success this year.

As you can see, our Association remains strong and committed to supporting both our members and our Active Duty Troopers. I want to personally thank all of you for your steadfast commitment to such an amazing organization. Our members are truly the backbone of everything we do.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a challenge...I would like to challenge all of you to reach out to your local chapters and try to attend a meeting or event. Our Chapters do a wonderful job of tying into our communities and supporting our Airborne heritage, but we cannot do it alone. I challenge all of you to rekindle those brother/sister-hoods that make our Association great!

AIRBORNE! ALL THE WAY!!

ISG (R) James Grimes

Executive Director

82nd Airborne Division Association

82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

78th Annual Convention..... 39
Orlando, FL August 14-17, 2024

Veterans Day Activities..... 43
Arlington, VA November 9-12, 2024

Future Association Regional Chapter Events, 2-days or longer, need to be coordinated with the Association Headquarters, and an Event REGISTRATION page is required, prior to being entered and announced on the ASSOCIATION CALENDAR.



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ALL AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

Gary T. Rezabek, Past President
Medina, Ohio

PP Gary Rezabek has been an integral part of the Association and his community for over 20 years. PP Rezabek sets the standard for care, compassion, and tenacity of a Paratrooper. He has and continues to serve in any position asked or required with no expectations for recognition or accolades, and truly embodies the Servant Leader tenants. He has been called upon innumerable times to assist in efforts to increase the quality of life of Paratroopers on little notice, most of the time, using his own resources and no expectation of compensation. It is with that in mind, that Gary should be awarded the AAOTY award, and allow us to recognize a lifetime of incredible service.



Dates of Association Service: 2002—present

Cleveland Chapter Vice-Chair: 2008—2011

Cleveland Chapter Chair: 2012—2015, 2021—present

National Director: 2012—2015, 2017—2020

National Secretary: 2017—2018

National President: 2019—2020

82nd Assoc Wounded Warrior President: 2017—current

- Rewrote 82nd Assoc Wounded Warrior bylaws to include training accidents, Gold Star families, and service connected disability greater than 50%.

Other Positions and Accolades:

20 years Active Army

Participated in Operations JUST CAUSE and DESERT STORM

Founded Southwest Asia Veterans Association of Northeast Ohio

Vice President and Secretary of Joint Veterans Council

Honor Flight Nurse

Member Joint Veterans Honor Guard

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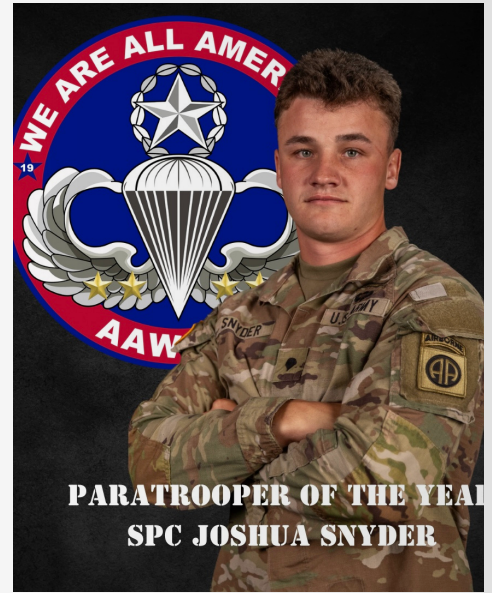
Chair of the Naturalization Ceremony and Army Brotherhood program at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

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June 6, 1944...

“This is the day that changed the world...When history held its breath.”

The story is a familiar one in times of war and acts of bravery, but this story features an 82nd Airborne trooper who accidentally made history on D Day, 1944. John Marvin Steele is celebrated both in his hometown of Metropolis, IL and in Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France.



Steele was one of many heroes who took the leap that day to liberate Europe. From a plane that was under fire by German flak, Steele's company jumped into Sainte-Mere-Eglise through a hail of bullets. Many perished in the sky before ever reaching France soil. Steele along with trooper Kenneth Russell became entangled on a church's spires in the square of Sainte-Mere-Eglise. Another trooper, John Ray, made it to the ground below the two soldiers. Ray was shot by a German soldier but before expiring was able to return fire, killing the enemy and saving the lives of Kenneth Russell and John Steele. Russell was able to cut himself free to join the battle below, but Steele, with an injured foot from shrapnel, dropped his knife and so remained dangling helplessly from the spire. With two German soldiers nearby in the tower of the church, Steele played dead to survive while the battle raged below. Those soldiers would take Steele prisoner after the battle. Later, Steele was able to escape through a window of the German Command post to rejoin his unit and continue to fight. Steele was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions.

In present day Sainte-Mere-Eglise, D Day activities center around this story and the heroism of the 82nd AB with an effigy of Steele remaining on the church spire, an accidental hero. The church stained glass windows feature the troopers jumping from their planes. This event is also depicted in the book and movie, "The Longest Day", and John Steele's character is played by Red Buttons. Steele is featured on a commemorative Monopoly game, World War II video games and even Poland's version of Legos. A group of citizens from John's hometown of Metropolis, Illinois have formed a not for profit 501(c)3 corporation, Heroes of Massac Endeavors, or simply, HOME. Their mission is to spotlight famous citizens from Massac County. soldiers of World War II and to tell the story of that fateful day.



HOME has already erected a sign coming into Metropolis denoting this as the hometown of WW 2 Hero John Marvin Steele, the paratrooper in The Longest Day. One of the members attended Sainte-Mere-Eglise's 80th celebration of D Day in Normandy. While there, Vicki Mayhall witnessed the signing of a Sister City Agreement between Sainte-Mere-Eglise and Metropolis, Illinois with Mayors Alain Holley in France and Don Canada in Metropolis, Illinois.



Heroes of Massac Endeavors' ultimate goal is a life size bronze statue of Steele on the courthouse lawn in Metropolis. A granite storyboard behind the statue will feature the story of Steele and his landing on the church, the importance of the battle and the resulting liberation of Europe. It will additionally recognize all World War II KIA/MIA veterans from Massac County including John's younger brother Norman Steele who was KIA in Germany in the last days of the war. Also recognized will be William Luster Luekering who for 80 years has been listed as MIA. Luekering's remains

were found in Germany where his plane went down and in July, 2024 were brought home to Massac County to a fallen hero's welcome and funeral service.

Around the base of the statue, will be bricks featuring engraved names. This is a fundraiser for the statue and all funds will go towards the statue and upkeep. The bricks will feature three lines of 13 characters and can be purchased at HOME's website, www.heroesofmassacendeavors.org A popular fundraiser has been the 1940's Swing Dance. This is the second year for this event and participants may dress in period costumes, dance or just enjoy the swinging music of the stage band. This event is planned for October 5 and tickets may be purchased on the website.

HOME also has t-shirts for sale on the website that feature John Marvin Steele. Donations may also be given through the website or by mailing a check to Heroes of Massac Endeavors, c/o City National Bank, Attn: Debbie Hillebrand, PO Box 380, Metropolis, IL 62960. Please notate JMSteele Memorial Project on the check. All donations are tax-deductible.

If you would like to be a part of this worthy project, please see the ad

included in this month's magazine, follow the John Marvin Steele Memorial Project on Facebook and visit www.heroesofmassacendeavors.org

Emails may be sent to contact@heroesofmassacendeavors.org



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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.

GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER



Division Pass in Review

During All American Week 2024, another milestone was achieved for the Signal Chapter of the 82d Airborne Division Association. We knew it would not be easy to improve after having our namesake, General (RET) Dennis Via, visit our team last year, but this year was just as good, if not better.

We started the week early on Sunday with a round of competitive Golf at Ryder Golf Course, with our veterans going toe-to-toe with the Division G-6 staff, family, and friends. It was a relaxing round of golf on a lovely Sunday morning in the Carolinas. Nice!

Monday morning was the ever-present and the most remarkable Division run at 0600. It always impresses you with 15,000 paratroopers running up Longstreet towards you, calling cadence, raising hell, and reminding you why they are called America's Honor Guard!

That afternoon, the Chapter hosted a social at Carolina Ale House for about 75 chapter members and friends. The turnout was tremendous, and we handed out certificates and awards.

We recognized Amy Huffman, the Association Admin who has helped us over the years to keep our rosters and membership straightened out. She truly is a godsend with all her skills and management skills. Thanks, Amy! We also presented a certificate to the Carolina Ale House for hosting our get-together. Great Job!



Chapter Chairperson Rock Schmidt with Association Executive Director James Grimes.

Chapter member Moon Mullins received the 2024 Signal Six award. He has done much to improve the chapter since our charter and was rightfully recognized.

Tuesday and Wednesday were full of Division events, such as the Division Memorial Ceremony and the Hall of Heroes Induction ceremony. These solemn but pride-filled events memorialize our fallen veterans and glorify the newly inducted veterans we want to recognize for their bravery. These ceremonies remain remarkable moments every year!

Tuesday afternoon was also our time to spend with the Division G-6 team. This year, we honored LTC Cressy Antione on her way out of the G-6 role, and her next assignment is at War College. She has dramatically supported the Signal Chapter, and we wish her the best in the future. We hope she can return to Fort Liberty as a commander or a visitor. Either way, we hope she stays in touch with us veterans.

GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER



The Signal Chapter recognizing the Division Museum leaders, Director John Aarsen and Manager Shawntee McQueen

During our G-6 Regimental Picnic Get-together, we were honored with a Speech, coins, and the presence of the Signal Corp Regimental CSM, Linwood Barrett. What a helluva man! He passed out coins, talked to the troops, honored the outgoing G6, and officially notified us that the Division Signal Battalion would be returning. He could not give us a timeline or tell us about the unit's makeup, but it did not matter. We have all hoped for this critical message for the past 20 years. A return of the Division Signal Battalions!

At the Chapter level, we used these two days to present certificates of honor to our great people at the Division Museum: Jon Aarsen- The Museum Director, and Shantay McQueen, the museum manager. They have continued to provide excellence to the Division Museum, and we felt the need to recognize them for their extraordinary work in managing the finest Museum in the US.

We were able to close the week by attending the Thursday Division Review. As a soldier in the ranks, it was a helluva time. Two days of marching preparation, Drawing weapons and bayonets, marching up and down Ardennes, and then culminating in the final Division Review. Painful but necessary. As a veteran, what a proud moment to be in the veteran marching group in front of all the Division soldiers and families. Indeed, it is an honor to march in the 2024 Division review as a veteran!



Miss Kassidy Hillard

The General Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter proudly announces its 2024 scholarship recipients.

Miss Kassidy Hillard received a \$1000.00 scholarship in honoring Sergeant Sean Luketina. Kassidy attends Bloomsburg State University.

Her major is Health Science/Pre-Physician's Assistant.

She plans to attend undergraduate training at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, where she participates in campus study groups. She is Great-Niece of CW4 (Ret) Kenneth B.N. "Pete" Hill

The scholarship honors Sean Luketina, a brave soldier who served with distinction in A Co, 82nd Signal Bn TACCP/Assault Platoon, and made the ultimate sacrifice during Operation Urgent Fury, the Grenada invasion. This scholarship, made possible by a generous donation from COL (Ret) Harold S. "Rock" Schmidt, will help Kassidy pursue her dreams.

GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER



Miss Cherokee Terry

Miss Cherokee Terry received a \$1000.00 scholarship in honor of Mr. Andy Condon. Cherokee attends Georgia College and State University, where she studies nursing in preparation for a career as a Missionary Travel Nurse.

Her Extracurricular activities include volleyball, in which she serves as Team Captain and has received honors as a State Championship Winner and Runner-up. She is the niece of ISG(Ret) Christopher "Moon" Mullins

This scholarship was made possible by a donation from former Specialist Jeff Condon, honoring his father, Andy. Andy Condon was a Vietnam Veteran who served with the 1/7th Air Cav, earning the Purple Heart Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.



Miss Madelyn Pokemire

Miss Madelyn Pokemire received a \$500.00 scholarship in honor of Mr. Robert Schmidt. Madelyn attends East Carolina University where she has earned her Bachelor of Social Work. She is currently seeking her Masters Degree in Social Work.

Madelyn's activities include the Teen Outreach Program and Partnership for Children and Families, She is the Coordinator for Reduce the Risk Program. Madelyn is the stepdaughter of SFC(Ret) Tim Wall.

This donation was made possible by COL(Ret) Harold S. "Rock" Schmidt, with a donation honoring his father, Technical Sergeant Robert Schmidt, a World War Two and Korean war veteran.

GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The members of the Ridgway Chapter have been busy with monthly meetings Rifle Ranges and Our Annual "Legend Affair Dinner" where we honor our namesake Gen. Matthew B Ridgway. This Years Legend Affair was Special because our Guest Speaker was Cynthia Holcomb, "Airborne Gold Star" mother and Wife of Steve Holcomb of the Central Ohio Chapter. She Spoke of Her son 1st Sergeant Russell Bell who was killed in Afghanistan on the 2nd of August 2012. 1st Sergeant Bell was assigned to the 1st Battalion 508th 4BCT 82nd Airborne Division. After Her Presentation Vice Chairman Steve Jessie Presented Her with a Token of our Appreciation . We then Stood faced the Portrait of 1st Sergeant Bell rendered a Hand Salute and had Our very own Live Bugler LTC. RET. Rob White Sounded Taps.

The dinner itself was very tasty and enjoyable, Good food , Drink and Friends it doesn't get any better. We still have much to look forward to, with meetings Picnics and range days as well as other "Extracurricular Activities"



GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

On a Sad note, We just Lost a long time All American Member, Greg Finan on the 21st of June. Bernard Gregory Finan will be missed, Rest In Peace Trooper.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!



NORTH TEXAS ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

The North Texas “All Airborne” Chapter held a 39th anniversary celebration on 24 May. We had a large gathering of members and guests to commemorate the history and future of the chapter. Music, food, drinks, cake, door prizes, and camaraderie! A great time was had by all.



The chapter also took great pleasure in presenting the nationally recognized JROTC 82nd Airborne Division Association Leadership Medal, to local high school cadets. These cadets distinguished themselves with extraordinary leadership and scholastic excellence.



4 May the chapter prepared and served championship BBQ brisket and ribs after the Kentucky Derby at the American Legion Post 379.

NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

We are proud to announce our Treasurer, Chris T. Adams as our Trooper of the Quarter. Although Chris was branched Artillery he has a diverse assignment history. He has served as Assistant Professor of Military Science at University of Dayton in Ohio, and Fire Support for 1-9 IN with two JSA (DMZ) rotations in Korea. Chris held multiple assignments at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and even served with 3rd Advise and Assist BDE 4th ID at Fort Carson, Colorado where he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn. Chris also deployed to Iraq with 1-377 FAR (AASLT) out of Fort Bragg. Chris deployed to Europe with XVIII ABN Corps Artillery G3 office in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to assist with the training of the FIF-Free Iraqi Forces. Chris proudly retired in 2016, reaching the rank of Major. Chris is currently a Divisional Environmental Health & Safety Manager for HD Supply Company. Chris has been an active member of the North Texas Chapter for the past 3 years and currently serving as our treasurer.



PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CLEVELAND/AKRON CHAPTER

The Chapter had four members in attendance this year for All American Week at Ft Liberty aka Ft Bragg, NC. In attendance at the center of the Universe were John Mazur, Tom Ryan, Dee Dee Kuharik, and Gary Rezabek. John jumped from the 34ft Tower, saying he didn't remember the shock being so forceful. After Gary's reminder that 50 years had passed since he had done the tower, we attended the Division Pass and Review, the Old Timers Breakfast, Memorial Ceremony, the Hall of Fame induction, and the Banquet. We also presented new Chapter Coins to command personnel.

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PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CLEVELAND/AKRON CHAPTER

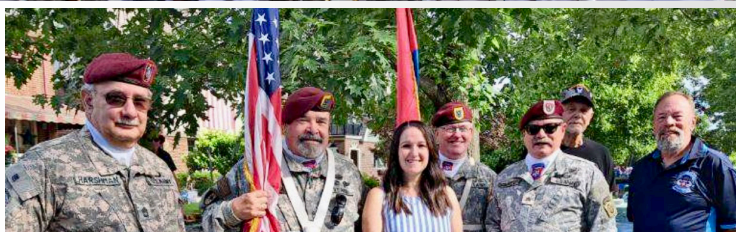
The June meeting had a good turnout to include our auxiliary. We discussed upcoming events and All Ohio Airborne Days. We had 3 events in one week in July, which really kept us busy. We thank Medina VSO Officer 1st Sgt(R) Ed Zachary for briefing us on VA claims and benefits'. He was very helpful and informative, and answered the many questions we all had. AATW!



Our Chapter was Honored to be the Color Guard for the nationally televised Summit NHRA Nationals in Norwalk, Ohio. We met with the drivers and staff, and were each presented with an NHRA/ Gov X Challenge Coin. Thanks to Bobbie Bader and Family, and the National Hot Rod Association for having us there We are honored to have been able to participate.



Our Color Guard and Auxiliary was honored to step off and lead the Lakewood Ohio 4th of July Parade. Marching were Jim and Donna Quisenberry, John and Marina Harshman, Dee Dee Kuharik and Gary Rezabek, Sean Jennings, Rich Tension and Tom Ryan. We thank the Mayor of Lakewood, The Honorable Meghan George for meeting us there and talking with our gang. It was such a beautiful day for a parade, especially with Lakewood's amazing patriotism.



PVT JOHN TOWLE MOH CLEVELAND/AKRON CHAPTER

This years annual chapter picnic was hosted by the Evangelista family. Thank you George and Janet for your hospitality, and thank you to everyone in attendance for making it a wonderful and memorable event. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by James Harris and his son Milo, then had a short meeting and enjoyed a great lunch. The weather was great and the camaraderie was awesome. We love our Airborne Family.

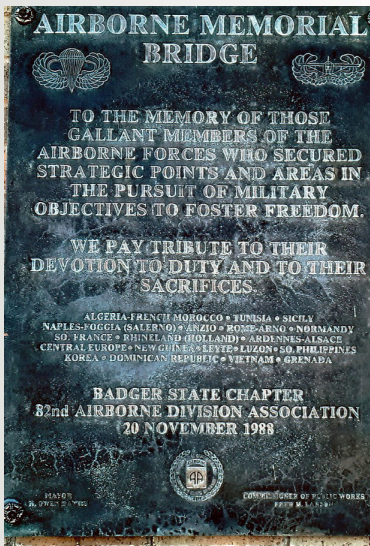


SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



Nick Pulera in his 1959 Chevrolet Impala

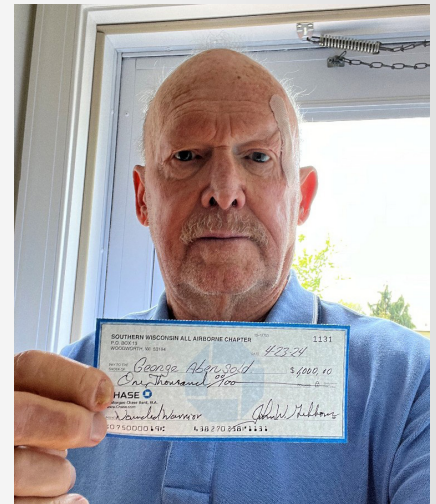
Sadly I have to begin this article with the announcement that SWAAC has lost one of its founding members and longest serving Chairman. Nick Pulera passed with a long life of service to his county, the veteran community and his home community. He was very active with the chapter, planning, organizing, and executing various fund raisers that benefited the severely wounded warriors of all branches of the service. While his real love was the annual car show, with the help of the membership, we held golf outings, dances, and garage sales, all with the goal of giving back to those that have given more than their fair share in the service of this country. Nick teamed us with Fec's Place to help with the annual pig roast. While Fec's did most of the work, it was the chapter that benefited. We also benefited from Nick's many years of fund raising in our community for Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and Cancer. He was never looking for any recognition for his work or leadership, but he was a well-respected and beloved member of our civilian, military, and Airborne Community. He will be sorely missed.



Coming off a very successful St. Pats Dance, we were visited by a former member of the Badger State Chapter, Eric Ebb, who reminded us that the city of Racine dedicated a bridge to the Airborne in 1988 and that they were just completing repairs on it. We are looking at getting the plaque cleaned so people can read it easier.

Chapter member and our Chaplain, Gary Beltoya was honored by the City of Kenosha as its Veteran of the Year! The city council honored Gary for all of the hard work that he does not only in our chapter, but also performing patriotic songs at civic and veterans events. Providing benedictions at these events while leading the choir at his local church.

While traveling around the States, Dan Boring found another wounded warrior. George Abersold was a member of Charlie Company 2nd Battalion of the 7th Cavalry involved in the fighting in the Ia Drang valley. He was severely wounded in the ensuing battle which was depicted in the movie "We Were Soldiers".



George Abersold

Once again, Fec's Place in downtown Kenosha will be holding their annual Pig Roast with the proceeds going directly to our wounded warrior fund. The Kemper Center located on the shores of Lake Michigan is the ideal location as we always get a cooling breeze off of the lake. This year we will be joined by Marine Corporal Tyler Southern who lost both legs and an arm to an IED blast in Iraq.

MIKE "FEC" FECHNER
ALMOST ANNUAL MEMORIAL
PIG ROAST
 SUNDAY AUGUST 11th, 2024 NOON to 6 PM
AT THE KEMPER CENTER
 6501 3rd Ave. Kenosha, WI
 FOOD • RAFFLES • LIVE MUSIC
 YARD GAMES • HULA HOOP CONTEST
 PIGS AND CORN PROVIDED BY KENOSHA MARINE CORPS
 LIVE MUSIC BY **Lynette and the ROCK DADDYS**
 Tickets Available at 5523-6th Ave. Kenosha, WI
 ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TO AID SEVERELY WOUNDED RETURNING VETERANS

SPONSORED BY: The Southern Wisconsin ALL Airborne Chapter
 82nd Airborne Division Association

This is truly an amazing fund raiser for the Chapter as we traditionally have help from the Marine Corps League, the Tavern League of Kenosha and all sorts of help from the Sheriff's Department and other veterans of all branches of service. So if you are in the area, there is plenty of food and live music from Lynette and the Rock Daddy's (who donate their time and talent for the event!). Tickets are \$10.00 and can be bought either at Fec's or on site from members of the Chapter. So save the date: 11 August.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

If you can't make the Pig Roast then drop in on our 21st Annual Car Show on 1 September (Labor Day Weekend). SFC Mike Schlitz had such a good time at our St. Pat's Dance that he is coming back for the car show! The Chapter has teamed up with the Legends of Kenosha Hot Rod Association, the Kenosha County Parks, and the Kenosha Biergarten to make this happen. Once again the colors will be presented by Scout Troop 1865 and traffic will be handled by the Kenosha Police Explorers. SFC Schlitz will be arriving with a motorcycle escort provided by the American Legion Riders District I!

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER Presents the 21st Annual
- Hosted by **LEGENDS OF KENOSHA HOTROD ASSOCIATION** -

CAR SHOW

TO BENEFIT WOUNDED VETERANS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024 • 8AM-3PM
Petrifying Springs County Park - Kenosha, Wisconsin

CLASSES JUDGING All Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles & Military Vehicles Welcome

- Food & Drinks at the Biergarten
- 50/50 & Other Raffles
- Music

FOR MORE INFO:
Nello Cristiano 262-654-1041
Jack Gibbons 262-857-7182

Please join us at 12 noon for a ceremony to honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces

Kenosha County PARKS SHOW ENTRY: \$10 // SPECTATORS FREE
★ When the world needed them, they were the first to jump



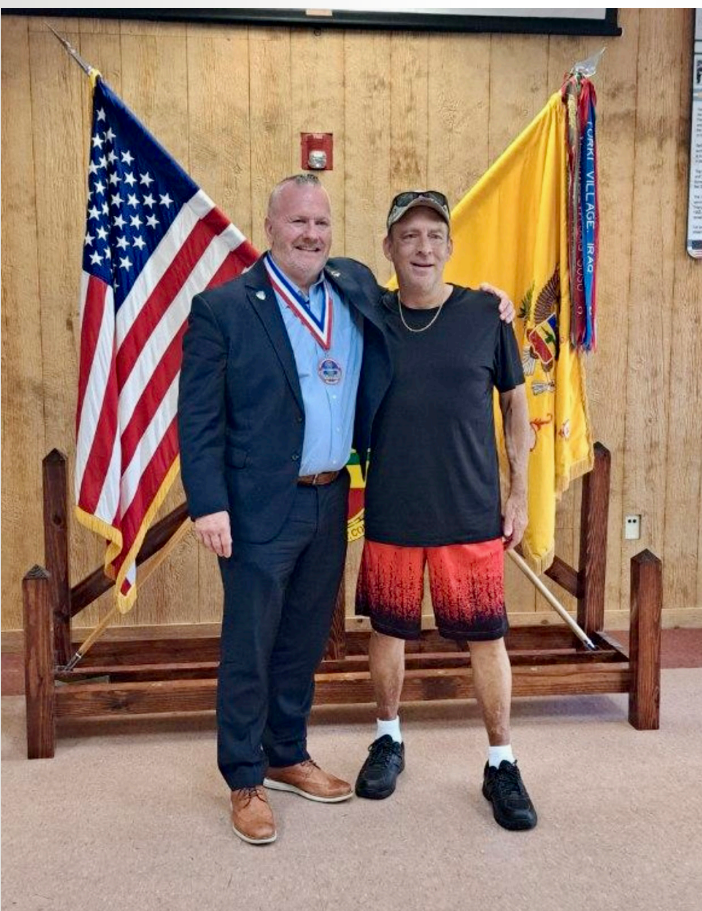
As I spent more time in Fascist Book Prison than on the page, I dropped off the net and turned it over to one of our other members who left the chapter. As such, the chapter page went into limbo. Rather than trying to resurrect the old page, I just built a new one for the Chapter: 82nd SWAAC. I will endeavor to remain out of prison, hard to do during an election year, but will do my best!! As time permits, I will be posting some of the other events and Wounded Warriors that we have helped in the past. Feel free to contact me through the page if you have a candidate for help from our Chapter.



WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

We are very excited this year. Our committee continues to make great strides in helping meet the needs our Wounded Warriors and Gold Star Families. We are hosting 13 Warriors and their spouses for this year's convention. This includes Warriors from the 1994 Pope AFB crash for its 30 year anniversary. Comedian and Warrior Bobby Henline will attend and do a set for us. We welcomed Scott and Liza Defries back to Ft Liberty for All American Week. We met with CSM Capel, CSM Seymore, and SEAC3 CSM Troxell.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and donations! God Bless, AATW!





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This is a true story set in the late 1960s at the height of the Vietnam War. twenty-year-old Tom Becker is drafted into the army and applies for extra schooling including Sergeant school and Airborne school in order to put off the inevitable of going to Vietnam. After a year of training, he arrives in Vietnam as a sergeant near the end of the 1968 Tet Offensive and becomes part of the infamous 82nd Airborne Division.

This first-person account is packed with action and suspense plus the relentless moving through the jungles and rice paddies looking for “Charlie”. A young 21-year-old Sergeant Becker is transformed and worn down by the rigors of war which almost ends his sanity much less his life. A five-year-old French-Vietnamese orphan girl greatly helps him regain his sanity. The final battle in Cambodia against overwhelming odds seriously tests his abilities and luck.

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ALL THE WAY!



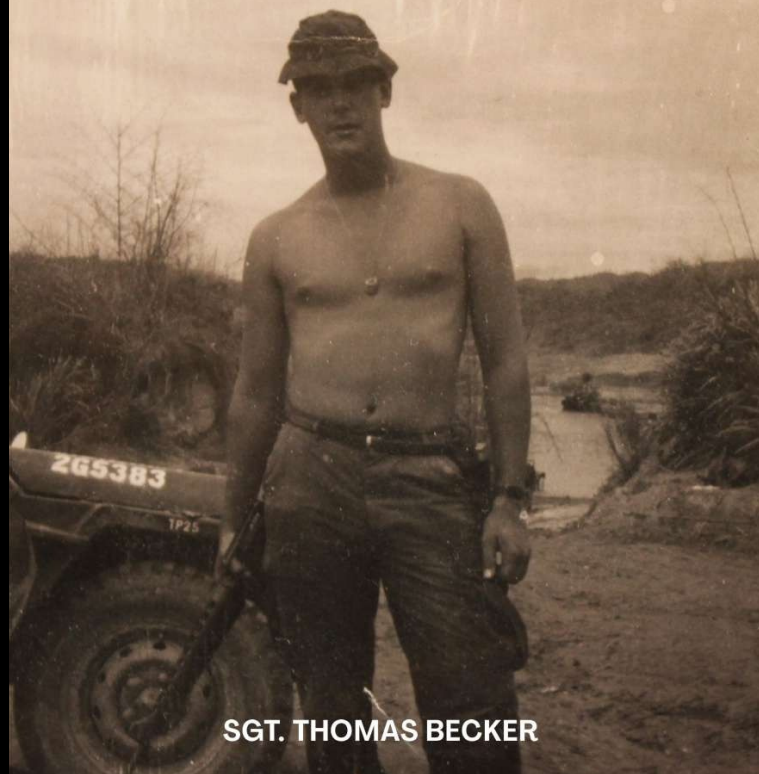
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A VIETNAM STORY

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SGT. THOMAS BECKER



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DONATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have donated to the Association during the last quarter. Your generosity allows us to continue our Mission and fund Programs that benefit our Active Duty Troopers and to continue to find new programs. We could not do this without your generosity and support. Thank you. Airborne!

DONOR		AMOUNT
Kelly Michael	GF Donation	\$ 50.00
Charles Netherton	GF Donation AAW	\$155.00
The Bragg'N Barn Thrift Shop	Welfare Community Grant	\$ 8,200.00
All American Tattoo Convention	Donation	\$ 5,000.00
Lion Bob Brown	Donation Sugar Land Lions Club	\$ 2,000.00
Clayton Riggs Jr		\$ 25.00
George Bicking		\$ 10.00
Luis Roldan		\$ 25.00
John Campbell		\$ 25.00
David Eden		\$ 50.00



I (WE) _____, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE 82ND ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND.

___ PLEASE RECORD MY NAME IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARAGLIDE.

___ PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION IN MEMORY OF _____.

___ I WISH FOR MY DONATION TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. AND MAIL TO:

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.
ATTN: JAMES GRIMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 87482
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28304-7482

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AT THIS TIME. FUNDS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS AND THE PUBLISHING OF THE PARAGLIDE.

We are happy to report that the 82nd Airborne Division Association has received our 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status approval letter. We are currently working to secure the 501(c)3 status for each of our Chartered Chapters and will announce when we have resolution on our request. A copy of our 501(c)3 letter is located on our website at: [http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1-501\(c\)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1-501(c)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf)



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
 78th ANNUAL CONVENTION
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA
 14 - 17 AUGUST 2024

(Please print legibly)



Convention Registration
QR Code

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 SPOUSE/GUEST 1 _____ EMAIL _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____ ASSOC Member # _____ RANK _____
 CHAPTER _____
 GUEST 2 _____ GUEST 3 _____
 GUEST 4 _____
 Any dietary restrictions / handicap needs: _____

Registration Fee \$195.00 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, and Memorial Dinner and Banquet*)

_____ attending x \$195 = \$ _____
 # Challenge Coins _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Please register early as registration goes up to \$225 after 7/25/2024

Please make checks/money orders payable to 82nd Airborne Division Association. Mail to PO BOX 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or register online at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY AT

THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL

9840 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA
 800-204-7234

(reference 82nd ABN Division Association), scan the Hotel QR code or online at:

[82nd Airborne Div. Assoc, Annual Convention 2024 Online Hotel Booking Link](#)

Deluxe guest rooms, \$94 per room night, plus tax. The hotel reservations cutoff date is July 10, 2024. Starting July 11, the room rate goes up to \$106 (plus tax), so book early! This rate will be applied only to those who are registered for the Convention. Rooms are limited so book now! In addition, a 15% discount on select on-site restaurants will be available to registered members.



Hotel Reservation
QR Code

We look forward to seeing you at the 78th National Convention!

*Memorial Dinner – Coat and Tie/Cocktail Dress *Banquet – Coat and Tie/Evening Attire



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 78TH NATIONAL CONVENTION August 14-17, 2024 Orlando, Florida



Convention Registration
QR Code

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us in Orlando, FL for the Association's 78th National Convention. Registration for the Convention is \$195 per attendee. This covers food, snacks, and drinks, in the hospitality room, plus 2 formal dinners*, a true bargain. Please register early as the registration fee will increase to \$225 per person after July 25, 2024.

Upon arrival at the hotel, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk for your welcome packet. Signs will be posted for the location of our registration desk in the hotel.

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



Hotel reservations have been arranged for registered Association members at The Rosen Centre for ONLY \$94 per room night (plus tax), and this is extended 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention to enable you to make this not only a great convention but also a fantastic vacation opportunity. Please note that the hotel reservations cut off date is July 10, 2024. (Starting July 11, the room rate goes up to \$106 (plus tax), so book early!

Room is limited, so book NOW!



In addition to the fantastic room rate, a 15% discount on select on-site restaurants will be available to members registered for the Convention. Also, if you have handicap plates, valet parking will be provided free to our registered members.

Hotel Reservations need to be made directly with the hotel:

THE ROSEN CENTRE
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL
800-204-7234
(reference 82nd Airborne Division Association)

Hotel Reservation QR Code



Or go directly to their website and book your room at:
[82nd Airborne Div. Assoc. Annual Convention 2024 Online Hotel Booking Link](#) or
scan the QR Code

REMEMBER, an adult must be registered for the convention to receive the Association group rate at check out. Come to the 78th Annual Convention and stay a few extra days to enjoy comradery and family fun in the sun at Theme Parks, Dining, Music, and Shopping or just stay in the pool!

We will be adding a link in the coming days on our website for Visit Orlando. Through Visit Orlando, discounts will be available to our registered members for select restaurants, theme parks and events in the Orlando area! Be sure to check back at our website periodically!

*Memorial Dinner – Coat and Tie/Cocktail

*Banquet – Coat and Tie/Evening Attire



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 PO Box 87482
 Fayetteville, NC 28304
 910/223-1182
 admin@82ndAirborneAssociation.org



Convention

PRINTABLE VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

VENDOR INFORMATION

COMPANY / FIRM NAME
 (as shown on Federal Tax Return) _____

ALTERNATE NAME
 if applicable / (doing business as) _____

POINT OF CONTACT NAME _____

PHONE _____ VENDOR EMAIL _____

VENDOR ADDRESS _____

VENDOR WEBSITE _____

TAX EXEMPT? Y or N

BOOTH INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) FOR SALE _____

WHAT PAYMENT METHODS WILL YOU ACCEPT _____

WILL YOU NEED ELECTRICITY IF AVAILABLE
 (FIRST COME FIRST SERVED)

TABLE COST IS \$150 PER TABLE. HOW MANY WILL YOU BE REQUESTING?	_____	X \$150.00	TOTAL AMOUNT	_____
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Must also provide an item or items that
 exceed in value of \$150.00 for the auction,
 to participate.

Please list the item or items that you
 will donate for the auction _____

*Subject to available space. First come, first served.
 Funds will be returned if there is no more space.*



SIGSAUER

**Through the generous donation of Sig Sauer,
the 82nd Airborne Division Association will
be hosting a raffle on 10 Nov 2024* during the
Association's Veteran's Day activities
in Washington DC!**

Don't miss your chance to win!*

**Two separate drawings will be held.
Drawing one will be for a XM17 Pistol,
Drawing two will be for the new MCX-Spear
(choice of caliber).**

Drawling closes on 09 November 2024.

To enter, please visit:

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**Open to any and all legal United States Residents.*

Winner need not to be present to win.

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as listed by local laws based on where the winner is lives.

Questions, please email: admin@82ndAirborneAssociation.org



2024 Veterans Day Activities

8-10 November 2024

Every Veterans Day, for decades, the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members have come together to continue our promise to “NEVER FORGET” our fallen. In continuance of this promise, we will lay wreaths at several sights at Arlington National Cemetery, and at the National War Memorials in the Washington DC National Mall.

Please join the Association and the Washington DC Chapter as we pay homage to the Fallen Heroes of the 82nd Airborne Division this Veterans Day.
We hope to see you there.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100.00 per person. This will help defray the cost of the hospitality suite, which will supply food and drinks for the attendees. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating.

You can register online at <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or you can mail your registration and payment to: 82nd Airborne Division Association, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Registration must be received by 25 October 2024.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER: _____

attending _____ x \$100.00/person = \$ _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Hotel reservations have been arranged for Association Members at **SHERATON PENTAGON CITY**, 900 S. Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Room rates are \$149 plus tax, per night. Parking is \$5 per night. This rate is available 9 – 12 November 2024. Members must contact the hotel directly for reservations at 800-325-3535 and mention “Veterans Day 82nd Airborne 2024” or go to <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1714670886789&key=GRP>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, November 8, 2024: Hospitality Suite open 1700 hrs. to 2400 hrs. Ed Fund Meeting time and location TBD

Saturday, November 9, 2024: Wreath presentations at ANC: 504, 325, 505, 555, 508, 82d Marker, Golden Brigade, Section 60, and the Women in Military Service for American Memorial.

Sunday, November 10, 2024: Wreath Presentations at the WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm & Eisenhower Memorials.

****The Association’s Fundraising Raffles will take place at the hotel at the conclusion of the wreath presentations.**

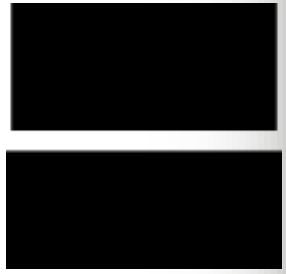
****Winner need not be present****

Walter Rauscher is hosting lunch for members registered for the Veteran’s Day event on



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Pvt John R. Towle MOH, Cleveland/Akron



All Ohio Airborne Days

Registration is only \$100

Itinerary: Thursday October 17 2024 Hospitality room opens 1600hrs to 2300hrs

Friday, October 18, 1100 hrs to Midnight.

Saturday 19 October. Time 1000hrs Pvt John Towle memorial service at Calvary Cemetery.

1700 Cocktail hour. Banquet 1800- 2100hrs Banquet. 2100-Midnight Hospitality Room

Things to do: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cleveland Zoo, Art Museum, Science Center, Crawford Auto Museum, International Women Air and Space Museum.

82nd Airborne All Ohio Day October 17-19, 2024

(2) Queen Beds @ \$109.00 plus 17.5% tax per night or

King Bed @ \$109 plus 17.5% tax per night

You must make your reservation by **9/28/24** to receive the preferred group rate.

- **Room Rate includes our breakfast buffet served in the restaurant.**

Breakfast 630am-930am in the restaurant.

Click on below reservation link:

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PLEASE NOTE: Cancellation is **48 hours prior to arrival**. Credit cards will be preauthorized 48 hours prior to arrival.

REGISTRATION. Name: _____

Your Chapter: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email (print): _____ Attending X 100/person= _____

Guest Name: _____ Chapter Coin \$15ea x _____

Select Banquet Meal: _____ or _____

Mail to: Gary Rezabek, **6500 Lake Rd Medina, Ohio 44256**. Question call 216-310-4872

Please make check payable to: Cleveland 82nd Airborne Chapter. Fee covers banquet and hospitality room.



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KENTUCKY AIRBORNE CHAPTER 2025 KENTUCKY AIRBORNE REUNION Lexington, KY 06-08 Mar 2025



A Brotherhood Formed in Sweat
and Blood

Cost: Registration \$90 per person prior to 15 Feb 2025, \$105 after.

SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY: Hospitality Room 1300 till Closing.

FRIDAY: Hospitality Room 0800 till Closing.

SATURDAY:

- Hospitality Room 0800 – 1700
- Cocktails 1700 – 1800
- Banquet, Guest Speaker 1800 – 2000
- Hospitality Room 2000 - till Closing

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Special "Kentucky Airborne Reunion" Rates of **\$89.00** + 16.07% tax per night. This includes breakfast.

This rate is good; 1 day prior and 1 day after the event. Just use this link to make your reservations:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/OX15U7>

therefore, please complete the required fields to secure your overnight accommodations. Furthermore, reservations can be secure by telephone by calling the property directly at (859) 233-0512 **Cut-off date to reserve under the group discount is February 15, 2025.**

Event hosted and arranged by Kentucky Airborne Chapter. Call or email if you have questions: Bill Waller (502) 396-4770 or kentucky@82ndairborneassociation.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Your Chapter: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email (print): _____

_____ attending X \$90/person= _____ Guest Name: _____

Mail to: Bill Waller, 7010 Hadley Ct, Louisville, KY 40241

Please make check payable to: Kentucky Airborne Chapter Fee covers banquet and hospitality room

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WHEN: 11September2024

TIME: 1800hrs

WHERE: Carvers Creek State Park
2505 Long Valley Road
Spring Lake, NC 28390

ENTRY FEE: \$35

The first 150 registered entrants will receive entry into the race, a free tee-shirt, and two beer tickets.

REGISTER: Go online to:

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For more information email: admin@82ndAirborneAssociation.org



RUN TO REMEMBER ENTRY FROM



11 September 2024

1800hrs

Carvers Creek State Park

2505 Long Valley Road

Spring Lake, NC 28390

Go online to: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

First/ Last name _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Code

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Division Entering (check one) _____ Female _____ Male _____ Age _____

TeeShirt Size (circle one) AS AM AL AXL AXXL _____

Emergency Cotact Information

First/ Last name _____

Relationship _____ Phone Number _____

By signing this form and submitting payment, you, the registrant, is stating that you are in good physical health, and understand that you release responsibility from the 82nd airborne Division Assovciaon and all other sponsors of this event, from liability of injury or death.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

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9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TROOPS SUPPORT TBD NOVEMBER 2024 TBD DECEMBER 2024

This year, the 82nd Airborne Division Association will again provide 1000 Holiday meals to Junior Enlisted Members and their Families during the Thanksgiving and December Holiday Seasons.

Please help us by supporting our Holiday Troop Support project through monetary donations or goods to be distributed. Donations will support our efforts to provide meals and other endeavors that benefit our young Troopers and their Families.

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Parachutist - \$1,000



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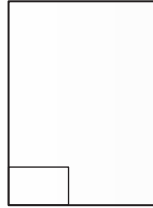
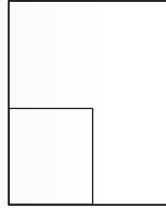
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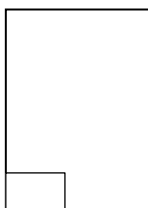
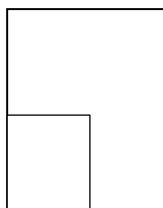
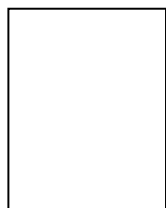


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PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT
For NON-MEMBERS**



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ACCEPTABLE FORMATS:

Printed Copy
Adobe PDF:

- High JPG compression. Down sampled to 300dpi

Photoshop:

- Layered and flattened version
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SPECIFICATIONS:

- Black and white/color, no bleeds
- 1/2" margin on all sides (except business cards)

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Live Area:
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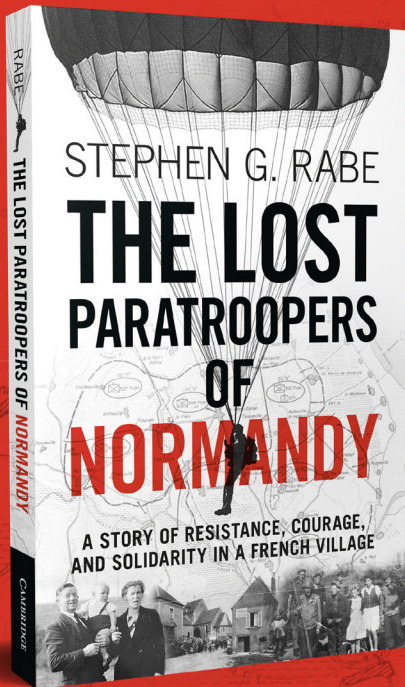
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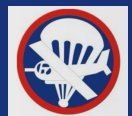
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FALL AIRBORNE NIGHT OUT 2024 DATE TBD







The 82nd Airborne Division Association is hosting a fall night out with the Fayetteville Marksman Hockey team.

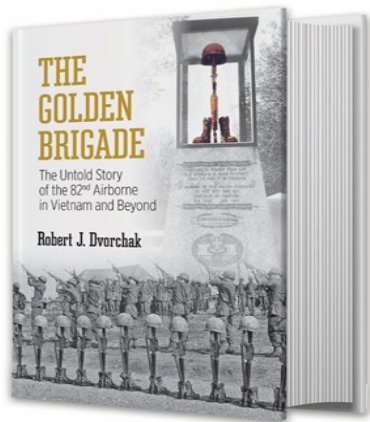
The final date and details are TBD, but stay on the lookout on social media and via email for more information.

If anyone would like to donate to aid in the ticket prices for active duty troopers, please email admin@82ndAirborneAssociation.org

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GIVING TUESDAY

The 82nd Airborne Division Association will be taking part in The Cumberland County Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday event this coming September.

Please stay on the lookout on social media and via email for more information.

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Educational Fund Contributions

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.

It's CFC Season!



Look for the Educational Fund in your CFC Brochure,
the Fund is listed with the:
*Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service
Organizations of America.*
CODE NUMBER: 11449
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!

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2024-2025 Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2024

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, 2024***. 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

PO Box 87482, Fayetteville

NC 28304-7482

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www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html

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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 QR Code. Affiliate Chapter may contact you only to inform you of local events.

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 Spouse's First Name _____
 Widowed
 Married Children _____
 Male
 Female

Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn. Annual Dues: _____ Lifetime Dues: _____

Payment Enclosed 82nd Assn. Annual Dues: _____ Lifetime 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.



Golden Brigade

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):

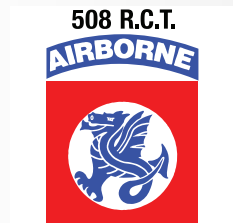
505th RCT Association _____ 505th Chapter of the 82nd Association _____
Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association _____ 555th Parachute Infantry Association _____
None of the above _____

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

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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.

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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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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,

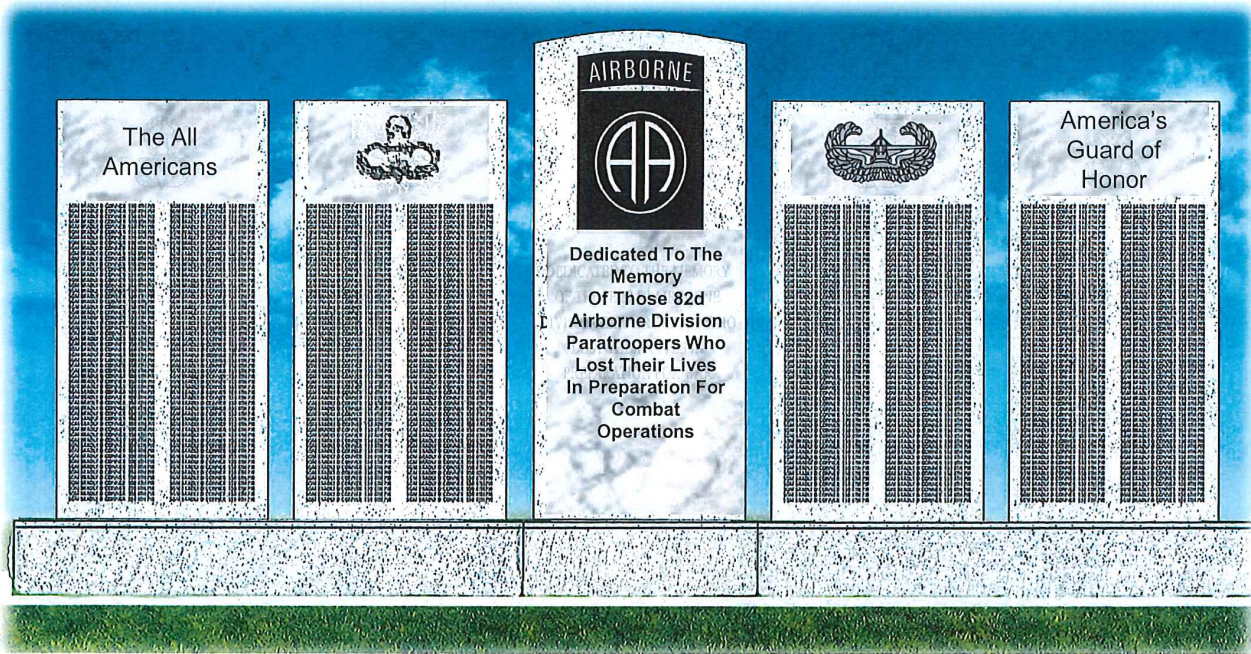
President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.

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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.

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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:

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Donation Amount _____



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.

BAILEY

Gary Bailey, an All American Associate of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, passed on June 1, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Percillia.

2024. He served with A/1-503 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division.

ELSE

Thomas Else, an All American Associate of the New Jersey All Airborne Chapter, passed on March 9, 2024. He served with the 1st Cavalry and 11th Air Assault. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen.

MCPHERRAN

John McPherran Jr., an All American member of the New York chapter, passed on April 14, 2024.

PATRICK

Raymond Patrick, an All

American member of the ISG Leonard A. Funk Medal of Honor Chapter, passed on April 22, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

ROGERS

Clark Rogers, an All American member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, passed away on May 17, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Marie.

WASHINGTON

Verne Washington, an All American member of the General Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter, passed on May 23, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Tia.

WEBB

William Webb, an All American member of the Niagara Frontier All Airborne Chapter, passed on April 24, 2024. He served with L CO, 505 AIR, C CO, 555 PIR, 82nd Airborne Division.

WILLS

Sidney Wills, an All American member of the West Virginia All Airborne Chapter, passed on March 13, 2024. He served in the 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He is survived by his wife, Linda.

BOLGER

Daniel Bolger, an All American member of the New York Chapter, passed on May 6,



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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, Bill Bauer, 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 Airborne 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

1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Airborne 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.

2016-2022 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 WWII 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 WWII Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

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

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 throughout 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 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.

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.

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