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1. 2011 ALL AMERICAN WEEK: The 82nd Airborne Division has confirmed **May 16-21, 2011** as "**ALL-AMERICAN WEEK**" and plans are underway to roll out the **red** carpet. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Enclosed is the 'Registration' form with the Holiday Inn Bordeaux as the host hotel. Still pending is the 'Schedule of Events' page pending confirmation by the Division. Mark your calendar, make your hotel reservation and plan to attend AAW 2011.

2. WITHIN THE DIVISION: Preparations by the Division are ongoing to host the 2011 All American Week and then attend the 65th Convention.
 - a. The Schedule of Events for AAW is **TENTATIVE**, with an **OFFICIAL** Schedule pending! Please inform your Chapter Members not to call the Division, as National will e-mail the Chapter Chairpersons the Official Schedule of Events as soon as the Division confirms it!

 - b. MG Jim Huggins, CSM Bryant Lambert and the 82nd Airborne Division are committed to attend the Reno Convention in full force. That information is being coordinated and tracked, but remains fluid.

 - c. The Division hosted the 3rd Annual Pre-Super Bowl Party for our Wounded Warriors (WWs) at WRAMC, DC on February 5th. COL Brian Mennes, 4 BCT Commander, opened the official ceremony by stating "we wanted to show the guys that we remember them and that we still care". He and CSM Sturdevant represented MG Jim Huggins and CSM Bryant Lambert. Lisa Weiss and other 82nd Committee members were primarily responsible for organizing and setting up the event. Division Chaplain LTC Jeffrey Watters said it best "Once an All American, always an All American, this was a chance to show our support, to show our love". LTC Malsey-Division Surgeon, SGM Bizins-Surgeon NCOIC, MSG Woodruff-Division WW Coordinator, MSG Dawson-Division Unit Ministry, and Protocol and Public Affairs staff were also there on behalf of the Division. Association President Bill Eberle and Executive Director Santiago Tijerina, and contingencies from the Washington DC, COL Rueben H. Tucker and Central PA Chapters presented the 82nd WWs with Jerseys, T-Shirts, Umbrellas, Coins and much more. The WWs morale was positive and gratifying. Not to be left out, the 82d Chorus performed twice, at noon and 2 pm. Several organizations were also there to provide WW support. There was plenty

"America's Guard of Honor"

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



of food, desserts and soft drinks, as well as Airborne camaraderie. We left confident that our WWs and their families are well taken care of thanks to 82nd Liaison NCOs SFC Comfort and SSG Nunez.

d. Battery C, 3-27 FAR (High Mobility Rocket System) commanded by CPT Brad Jordan and 1SG Freddie Thompson, has been undergoing intensive training in preparation to become the 8th unit from the 18th FIRES Brigade (Airborne) to deploy in support of OEF - Afghanistan.

3. 65th NATIONAL CONVENTION: Plans for the National Convention in Reno, NV (August 3-6, 2011) continue in high gear! The Convention 'Registration' and 'Convention Schedule' are enclosed. Additionally, the 'Silver Legacy' Hotel information sheet is enclosed. To make hotel reservations, use Group Code 82nd. Several exciting excursions are scheduled for our Conventioneers and that 'Special Events' page is provided for your information and use. The 82nd Chorus will sing the National Anthem and the 82nd Jump Team will JUMP IN and deliver the first pitch ball to open the Thursday night Baseball Game - "Reno Aces" Triple 'A' farm team for the pro team - "Arizona Diamondbacks". Lastly, if you feel lucky, the Silver Legacy offers 24 hour gaming action on the main Casino floor.

4. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONVENTION SPONSORS: Association Chapters and Individuals sponsored 47 WWs last year. The WWs being sponsored continues to grow each year. As the Association Wounded Warrior Program grows, 501(c) (3) tax deductible contributions, so does the need for sponsorship. The Division has begun identifying this year's WWs planning to attend the National Convention. The Association's strategy this year is to pair up the WW with the Chapter Sponsor as soon as possible, but no later June 30th. Most importantly, all attempts will be made to identify and pair up the WW with the closest Chapter Sponsor. This year at the Reno Convention a WW Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday after the JUMP. This will allow for ALL the WWs and Sponsor Chapters to meet, talk and hopefully establish a relationship. The WW Program leading up to the Convention will be handled differently than in years past. Get the word out to your Chapter membership, business and supporters, and make plans to sponsor a WW to the National Convention in Reno, NV.

5. 2010 MEMBERSHIP REBATES: Chapter rebate checks will be mailed out next week, via first class mail to Chapter Chairpersons. Last year 13-Chapters did not provide their 2009 Annual Financial Statements by the 30 March 2010 deadline. Consequently those Chapters will not receive a rebate check. Instead, a letter will be mailed to those respective Chapter Chairpersons signed by the Association President.



Please ensure checks are deposited by 1 June 2011. Otherwise stop payment of checks will take place June 7th, as approved by the Board of Directors.

6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mailed out late January, Chapter Financial Statements for FY 10 are due to National 1 April 2011. Chapter officials are urged to verify the financial statement and return it as soon as possible. Chapter whose statements are not received by 1 April 2011 will be required to file directly with the IRS. Not only does this practice jeopardize the Association Group's Tax Exemption, but Chapters concerned will automatically forfeit next year's rebate.

7. 82d Airborne Division Association Educational Fund Inc: Please note that the fund, although located in Fayetteville, has its own Bank Account and address-established in January 1998, as follows:

82d Airborne Division Association Educational Fund
PO Box 65089
Fayetteville, NC 28306-5089

It is periodically announced in the bulletins and published in the *PARAGLIDE* issues. Please DO NOT send donations to the National Headquarters. Donations received are turned over to the fund treasurer several times a month. Also, please verify that you have the most current copy of the Fund's Appendix F, updated August 2009, in your continuity file. If needed, please request an updated copy from the National Headquarters. Chapters are required to provide a complete copy (information and applications) of the Appendix to any member requesting information. The Appendix explains the procedures to correctly complete the application.

8. DELINQUENT MEMBERS: All 2010 members, who have not renewed for 2011 or later, are now considered delinquent. Efforts from Chapter Officers and members must be initiated to obtain their renewal.

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS: The *PARAGLIDE* Calendar of Events continues to grow thanks to you all. The Association would like to list 2-day events planned, at Chapter and regional level, for the benefit of our members. Please send upcoming Chapter event announcements, to the Executive Director, well before they are to occur. The goal is to reflect a 12-month calendar of events so that our Association members can plan to attend. Many members work and need to request time off in advance. At the same time those on fixed incomes need to save the necessary funds. Chapters are encouraged to plan ahead.



10. PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL: In order to allow the President to visit as many Chapters as possible during his term and to gain the best bang for the budget buck! It is hoped that Chapters will be able to accommodate changes in order to increase the number of visits that can be made. Please plan ahead and mail your invitation to the President now. While the President will take invitations via telephone, fax or e-mail, please take a few minutes afterwards and mail him a formal letter of invitation.

11. CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE: The Association's Certificate of Liability Insurance is enclosed for use by Chapters during events scheduled for 2011. The 82d Airborne Division Association, Inc. does not sponsor nor lend its name in any way to parachute jumping activities. No person or organization has any authority or right to use the name of the Association or of any of its Chapters, nor to imply sponsorship of the Association nor of any such Chapter in connection with any parachute jump nor any form of parachute jumping or competition whatsoever. The 82d Airborne Division Association, Inc. does not and will not provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity whatsoever.

12. ALL AMERICAN OF THE YEAR: Criteria for the All American of the Year is contained in Section 2, paragraph 1a, of the Awards Standing Operating Procedures. Recommendations for All American of the must be submitted to the Executive Director by 15 April 2011.

13. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS: The membership statistics as of 31 December 2010 is enclosed. Delinquents are high!! We are the largest Airborne Association in the world with great return benefits to our members and their families, which are not surpassed by any other Airborne organization. Therefore, we need to energize the LGOPs and spread the word around. Review the rosters during meetings and stress the need for renewal and reinstatement to those in attendance, via newsletters and websites. We are second to none! Let's not forget the President's message on recruitment as noted in the WINTER Paraglide. Once and for all, let's challenge the active Division; we are getting closer and closer, but we can't let our guard down.

14. ROTC/JROTC CERTIFICATE/MEDAL: An excellent way to obtain members and enhance community relations, the Certificate and Medallion \$10 + postage, are available from the Sales Manager. Remember, they are only available to Chapters' leadership, not individual members.

15. ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP (AAM) PAID FOR LIFE: Chapters Officers should encourage their membership to take advantage of this bargain. Although the largest Airborne Association in the world, we still have



the lowest dues. Our dues for AAM is \$150.00 for veterans 49 years old or younger; \$100.00 for those 50 years or older; and \$82.00 for those active duty troopers while assigned to the 82d Airborne Division. AAMs are automatically Early Birds, and the Chapter receives a rebate of \$4.50 each year.

16. CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS: National Headquarters encourages all Chapters to save on postage and start e-mailing their newsletters as well as continuing to mail copies. We also encourage Chapters to e-mail or mail newsletters to both National and the President. This allows us to stay current with what is happening within your Chapter.

17. VALENTINE'S DAY: Association President William L. Eberle and the First Lady - Barbara, join the Past President's, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses in wishing every member a "Happy Valentine's Day", 14 February.

WILLIAM L. EBERLE
National President

Enclosures
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santiago Tijerina, Jr.".

SANTIAGO TIJERINA, JR
Executive Director