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- DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** In our efforts to keep down the cost of membership dues, the membership dues that are collected are only a part of the Association's income and alone cannot support the operations of the Association. After chapter refunds are deducted, the costs for the insurance of the entire Association and the payment to prepare the taxes for the national office and the chapters is paid, and all the necessities such as: membership cards, certificates, etc., there is no money left for the actual operating of the Association. There is nothing left for support of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division or any other projects for the Association to sponsor. Without the support of donations, the Association will cease to exist. This is why the Association works so hard at seeking donations from many sources, and continues to request donations from the membership and chapters for the General Fund. If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division, we need funds to make it happen. Your support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs, such as Holiday Troop Support, The All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association's Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at:

P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations made to the Association Ed Fund or the Wounded Warrior Fund go directly to the respective funds and do not support the Association General Fund. Therefore, it is necessary for the Association to obtain donations directly.

- 2018 CONVENTION:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is proud to host the 72nd Annual National Convention, with the help of the Greater Daytona Chapter assisting with the hospitality room. Registration is \$110.00 per person, which includes two formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be the beautiful Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr., Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room a night (max 4 persons per room). Hotel reservations can be made by calling (407) 996-9840 or by going online to <https://www.phgsecure.com/IBE/bookingRedirect.aspx?propertyCode=ORLRH&group=GRP82Airborne&arrivalDate=08-03-2018&departureDate=08-16-2018> Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel, and all the amazing attractions in Orlando, Florida. For registration and more information, please go to the Convention link at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

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For those requesting bus transportation to the Drop Zone for the 82nd Airborne Division Training jump there will be an additional charge of \$15 per person and it must be requested in advance as busses will only be available for those who have paid for transportation prior to the Convention.

3. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2018 (100th Anniversary of Fort Bragg): It's that time of year again. Don't wait too long. There are only 36 rooms left.** The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under Events. **Please be sure to use the POC - Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624, and the Association room code of AMW for Moon Hall or AAW for Hardy Hall when making hotel reservations. If you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms left.** If you missed last year's event, you have probably already heard how fantastic it was. Don't miss it again. If you attended last year, you know what a great event it is and what a great time you will have. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers and Sisters on Sicily Drop Zone. We hope to have hundreds participate again. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises another spectacular meal. I can't tell you how excited we all are about hosting AAW for our Veterans, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes go nowhere unless you act on them.

Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/aaw.html> or can be done by write in application located at the same link. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There is a 2018 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They are also available for purchase on-line for those not attending AAW and you can have them shipped to you or those attending AAW can pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coin is available for viewing on our website so check it out.

An updated All American Week Schedule will be posted 17 April 2018 on our website under the Events tab.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will again be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

4. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 July 2018, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter

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when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>)

Nominations should include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee. Please include the nominee's qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

*Victor Mitchell
Steve Copening

*Michael Oesch
Larry Slavicek

*Gary Rezabek
Joseph Steen

5. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2018 CONVENTION:** As of 1 April, we only have six Delegates for AAW. *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter's concerns addressed at the Delegates' meeting, you must have a member be there. You must send in your Chapter delegate certification form and it must arrive by 1 May 2018.* Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW quickly and for the Convention so that the forms arrive at the national office by 31 July 2018. The forms can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org.

As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2018. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

6. **SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:** As Charter Organizations with IRS non-profit status, the submission of annual reports, such as; financial reports and Chapter activity reports are mandatory and reportable to the Internal Revenue Service. Any chapters that fail to provide these reports must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for subsequent closure, and will be reported to the IRS for removal of their non-profit status. This is done only to protect the non-profit status of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. We are willing to work with Chapters on these submissions, but those who are two years behind will be brought to the Board of Directors at our meeting in May 2018 and receive letters of our intent to remove the chapter from our charter. Again, we are more than willing to

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assist any chapter with the submissions, but cannot allow chapters to continue to ignore these requirements. Please contact us if you need assistance.

7. **2017 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**: 2017 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, via the Chapter email account. ***If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.*** We have received an *extension until 30 April 2018*. To date, we have received a Financial Statement from the following chapters:

1SG Leonard Funk MOH	307 th Engineer BN	508 Airborne
Acadiana	Akron	Badger State
Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI	Blue Ridge	Central New York
Central Ohio All Airborne	Central Pennsylvania	Chicago
Cincinnati All Airborne	COL Reuben H Tucker	CPL Edward Slavin
Daniel S Campbell All Airborne	Donald Lasse/Atlanta	James Etherton/Detroit
Evergreen State	Gateway	GEN M B Ridgway
Greater Daytona	Greater Rochester NY	Hampton Roads All Services
Idaho All Airborne	Tillman Beikes Indianapolis	John Steele
John Towle MOH – Cleveland	Kentucky Airborne	Lehigh Valley
Low Country All Airborne	Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR	LTG James Gavin
Mid-America	Niagara Frontier	North Central Florida
Northeastern Pennsylvania	North Jersey	North Texas
Oklahoma All Airborne	Orlando All Airborne	Palm Beach County
Rocky Mountain	San Joaquin Valley	SGT C M Pusateri All Airborne
Southern Arizona	Southern California	Southern Florida All Airborne
South Texas	St. Michael’s All Airborne	Tampa Bay All Airborne
Texas Lone Star	Virginia State	Walter Hughes/Tri-State
Washington DC	Wolverine All Airborne	

8. **2017 & 2018 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES’ REPORTS**: Per the Association By-Laws, and as required by the Internal Revenue Service, “a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter” throughout the 2017 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2018 should arrive at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2018. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. ***These reports are not optional and are required annually by the IRS.***

9. **2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS’ REPORT**: Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new or re-elect current officers. Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. *Please provide your 2018 Chapter Officer report, with current phone number and email addresses, to National as soon as possible, even if it is the same slate as last year*, so that we can update
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our files and the Association website. *Please be sure to give your newly elected Chairman access to the Chapter email account.* If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.

10. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES: Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):

- a. Convention Agenda: Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board's review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 July 2018*.
- b. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2018* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
- c. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due *1 July 2018*.
- d. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *2 May 2018* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
- e. Changes to the By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws must be submitted in letter form, and signed by the Chapter Chairman, by *28 July 2018*.

11. STATUS OF CHAPTER 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS: *Still waiting.* We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but we will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.

12. CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL: The chapter portions of membership dues for the period Jul-Dec 2017, was sent to all chapters that are due these funds. The funds for those chapters that did not have their PayPal account set up were returned to the National Office. If your funds were returned to us, please ensure your PayPal accounts are set up as we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you when the next funds are issued in July 2018. You will not lose the money. If you still have any questions or need help in setting up your account, please call us, and we will assist you. Tutorials on accessing your Association email accounts and tutorials on setting up your PayPal accounts to only receive payments to your bank account, without having to register any credit card can be found at:

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<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/access.html>. We appreciate the help from all the Chapters who have completed this transition, and are ready to help any others who may still be having some problems.

13. **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.
14. **82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the shield on the front. Very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
15. **E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
16. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
17. **ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters.* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the following link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.
 - a. Airborne Awards Festival, 18-21 April 2018 is in Columbus, GA and is hosted by the Donald D. Lassen All Airborne Chapter. POC is Al Fracker: 770-841-4345. The host hotel is the **Best Western Plus**: 706-507-1111.
 - b. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 8-10 June 2018 is in Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe: 281-814-2377. The host hotel is **Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake**: 281-333-9300.

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- c. All Ohio Days, 12-14 October, 2018 is in Richfield, OH and is hosted by the Akron Chapter. POC is Bob Winkler: 330-325-7574. The host hotel is **The Days Inn & Suites**: 330-659-6151, ext. 516.
- d. Veterans Day Activities, 8-11 November 2018 is in Alexandria, VA/Arlington National Cemetery and is hosted by the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter and the Washington, DC Chapter. POC is Bill Bauer: 910-223-1182. The host hotel is **Hampton Inn & Suites Alexandria Old Town South**: 703-329-1400 or 800-HILTON.

18. 4th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Let's make our 4th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 11 August 2018 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 72nd National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

19. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>. ***This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association. We have no affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association's name!*** We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Becker, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and look forward to seeing you at All American Week and the 72nd Annual Convention

In addition, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are deploying this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Richard G. Becker
National President

OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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