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PLEASE DISSEMINATE THE BULLETIN TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

- DONATIONS TO THE “HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT”**: We are once again gearing up for our “Holiday Troop Support” program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. We will work with the Division Chaplain’s office to provide these meals to deserving Families of our Active Duty 82nd Airborne Division Troops. This project was a huge success over the last two years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1000 meals over the Holiday season. Our office still receives thanks from Families for last year’s donations. Let’s make this year as big of a success and provide the Troopers and their Families with another 1000 meals donated by the Association. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. If donations exceed what is needed for these meals, the additional funds will be reserved for next year so that we may continue this tradition. For those who have already donated, we thank you for your kind support of the Troops. For those who would like to donate, please send a check with “Holiday Troop Support” marked at the bottom or you can use the donate button on our website and annotate “Holiday Troop Support” in the “Put my donation towards” line. This program will have a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers. Thank you for your support.
- HURRICANE FLORENCE TROOP SUPPORT**: I want to thank everyone for the support of the Troopers affected by Hurricane Florence. As of today we have given almost \$13,000 worth of commissary gift cards to junior enlisted Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. This is a quick, and amazing response by the Association in assisting our Troopers and they have asked me to relay their thanks to you. The following is a list of donors:

St Michael’s All Airborne Chapter, Randy Vidrine, Acadiana Chapter, North Texas Chapter, James Trice, John Girard, Malcolm McHoul, Greater Daytona Chapter, Robert and Helga Buffington, Mel Greene, North Jersey Chapter, Gateway Chapter, James Bennett, 1st SGT Leonard Funk MOH – Western PA, Mike DeBloom, South Florida All Airborne Chapter, Grace Keenan, Jim Tarr, Matthew Lane Jr., Andy Andersen, Reinerio Curbelo, Kyle Wallenstein, Robert Pino, Edward Debarros, Eileen Clancy, Orlando All Airborne Chapter, Michael Shuman, Joe Steen, Gary Rezabek, Roberto Moreno, Doug Andrews, Kenneth Kipke, Moon Mullins, Mark Tobert, Jerome Beatty, and Bill Bauer.

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3. **2019 CONVENTION**: The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association will be hosted by the Washington D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and Operation Market Garden. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, but will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S ORME ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82nd Airborne Division Association. There will be a web link set up soon, but for now only calling in is available. The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is available on our website under "Events". The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.
4. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019**: 2019 will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, and Market Garden. We are beginning registration for AAW 2019 immediately due to the high volume of requests. The registration and flyer were published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under "Events". **Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for regular room and \$78+ tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available or given a different price.** Registration for AAW 2019 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in application which will be located at the same link. The cost this year will be \$110.
5. **VETERANS' DAY 2018**: The National Headquarters, along with the Washington, DC Chapter and the COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapter, invite all our Members to join us in wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery and the National Mall to honor all the fallen of the 82nd Airborne Division. This solemn and heartfelt event is instrumental in the Association remembering our fallen 82nd Airborne Division Members, and their sacrifices for our Nation. Registration, and complete information is available online at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
6. **DONATIONS TO 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 Association programs, such as Hurricane Florence Troop Support, Holiday Troop Support, the All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. If we don't support our Troopers, who will? No more saying next time or the Association doesn't need the money anyway or our Chapter having a Christmas party is more important than helping our young Troops. I hear a lot of talk from members about how the Association should support our young active duty Troopers, and now

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we are. Now it is time for everyone to step up and help us to support them. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Any donation will help us. 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.

7. **NOVEMBER IS EDUCATIONAL FUND MONTH:** We are intent on providing assistance to deserving students and troopers returning to civilian life. Please keep in mind that November is Educational Fund Month. Please make an extra effort to canvass local businesses to solicit funds. Remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the National Office at P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
8. **MINUTES FOR 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The Minutes for the BOD meeting at the 2018 Annual Convention are posted on our website under the "Forms and Resources" link under the Quick links tab.
9. **2018 BY LAW CHANGES:** The by-law changes that were voted on at the 2018 Convention are posted to our website under the "Forms and Resources" link under the Quick links tab.
10. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS:** We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2020 Board of Directors. These area very important position within the Association and ones that will allow members to assist the Association in its continued success.
11. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) HAS DIRECTED CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DUES:** The BOD has directed the following changes to membership dues: Annual Membership for all is now \$35. All American Membership for all is \$350. The \$350 dues for the All American membership will cover the first five years of membership, then there will be a maintenance fee of 50% of the cost of the annual dues at that time charged to remain current. These membership fees are for all new memberships and do not affect those who are already All American Members.
12. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President to your Chapter events. Please send invitations by mail or email and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the

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Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).

13. THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS RECEIVED A LETTER OF INTENT FOR CLOSURE FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE:

555 PIB Memorial	Alamo Chapter	Connecticut Yankee
Ames/Olivas All Airborne	Keystone All Airborne (Closed)	Mississippi All Airborne (Closed)
Lobo All Airborne	Viking (Closed)	
Montana All Airborne (Closed)	Roanoke Valley AA	
Ross Carter/Appalachian (Closed)	Reed Torrence/Clyde Thomas/503/80	

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

a. There are no current deadlines

15. 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.

16. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association’s co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the sild 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.

17. 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!

18. 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>

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19. 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. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Wreaths Across America, 14-16 December 2018 is in Alexandria, VA/Arlington Cemetery and is hosted by the Washington, DC Chapter. The host hotel is the **Hyatt Centric Arlington**: 800-233-1234.
- d. 7th Annual Kentucky Airborne Reunion, 28 Feb-3 March 2019 in Lexington, Kentucky and is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Waller 502-306-4770 The host hotel is **Four Points by Sheraton Lexington**: 855-516-1090.

20. 5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Let's make our 5th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73rd 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.

21. 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 the Veteran's Day event.

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard G. Becker".

Richard G. Becker
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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