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- 1. 2017 CONVENTION:** The Orlando All Airborne Chapter, the Daniel S. Campbell All Airborne Chapter and Orlando, FL will again be hosting the 71th National Convention August 9-13, as well as celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the 82nd Division. Registration is \$100.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be The Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room and for Active Duty the rate is \$50 per room (max 4 persons per room). Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! <http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>

Posted online and also included in the Fall 2016 Paraglide is the 71st Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association and get their word out to a large portion of the Association Membership. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2017*.

Check out the 2017 82nd Abn Div Assoc 71st Annual Convention – ORLANDO facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/?fref=ts> for the latest updates. Also, look for updates on our website under Events.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division):** Due to popular demand, we have already begun registration for AAW on 20 Oct 2016. The registration and flyer is published in the Fall Paraglide and is available at our website under Events. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. With this being the 100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division, the Division is hoping to make this year's AAW a very special occasion for everyone, and will be adding special events to the occasion. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come and see the amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year and we hope to have hundreds participate again when the Division honors it's Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers on Sicily Drop Zone. It is a great event to be a part of and no 82nd Airborne Division Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises to outdo themselves again this year. I can't tell you how excited we all are about this year's AAW, 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.

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Again, registration for AAW is online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There will also be a 2017 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line and you can have them shipped to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW, thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coins will be available for viewing on our website so check them out. We hope to have a representation of the coin available on the website by 20 Nov 2016 also.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will 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.

3. **IRS NOTIFICATIONS:** Once again the IRS is sending letters to some of our Chapters stating that their Form 990 has not been sent in. We have confirmed with our accountant that all forms have been turned in and were on time. If you receive one of these notification, please either email it to National or send it to us via mail. Our accountant is working to correct this issue.
4. **ASSOCIATION ALUMNI BOOK DELAY:** The Association has been informed by PCI, the publishers of the Alumni book, that there is a delay in the publishing of the book and that a message will be sent again to all members who ordered the book, and supplied them with an email address, to explain the delay and give updates on the release date. For those who did not supply an email address, a copy of the notice is published on our website and there is also a link on our Facebook page. We have been informed that those who ordered the book will be receiving them by the end of November. Please share this information with your members. We have also heard the rumors from Members that the company is going out of business and other stories. These are only rumors. Harris Connect did merge with PCI, but the same people are still there that we have been working with and nothing has changed. They have sent out their apology letter via email, which we have posted on our website and on our Facebook page to let Members know when the book is due out and it also gives a contact number for their offices if you have any other questions for the publisher. But again, the book is delayed, but will be coming out and there is no need for worry. We are staying in contact with them and they can be reached at 1-800-982-1590, or by email at customerservice@publishingconcepts.com. Again, please share this information with anyone you know who has ordered the Alumni book so that they know about the delay.
5. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**

Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx> to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin (instructions are below). Also, don't forget to check out the Division's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>

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- 6. POSTING CHAPTER EVENTS ON ASSOCIATION WEBSITE:** Please notify National of your Chapter's major one day events so that they can be posted on the Association website and facebook page. Please submit your flyers to National so that they may be approved for posting. However, only events lasting 2 or more days will be posted in the Paraglide. They will only be placed on the website through the National office after the approval process.
- 7. NEW DATABASE FOR THE ASSOCIATION:** This week each Chapter received another copy of your Chapter roster sent automatically by the new database. If you have not updated your Chapter information, the information sent to you may still be incorrect. Please update the roster so that we may finish correctly updating the database. If you have updated the roster and there are still discrepancies, please let us know so that we can make the corrections. It is our hope to have all the corrections made within the next few months so that you will receive up-to-date rosters monthly from the new system. We appreciate your support in establishing this new system. It will be able to supply the Chapters with all the information you have requested at a much more frequent rate. It will also give us the ability to email important information to all our members directly, provided we have your email address, so please send us your email address if you have not already done so, or if it has changed. There are many new capabilities we are hoping to provide with the new database, and we will keep you informed as work on it progresses. Thank you for being patient with us during the transition period.
- 8. E-NEWS BULLETINS:** The E-News bulletin is a way for all members of the Association to be kept informed of news articles related to Fort Bragg, the Airborne Community and the Army at large. If you are not receiving the E-News bulletin you can sign-up to receive it at the following link:
<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/what-s-new.html>

It is a great way of staying informed of what's happening within the Division through only two emails a month, and we are sure you will enjoy this information. There is no obligation to purchase anything, and if for any reason you do not enjoy this bulletin you can easily unsubscribe through the link provided at the bottom of the email. Thank you for your support.
- 9. CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** Some Chapters have elections this time of year and elect new officers. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer Changes to National as soon as possible so that we can update the Paraglide and the Association website.
- 10. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** 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.

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- 11. 2015 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2016 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, will be emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January.
- 12. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** There has been a large upswing in Members signing up for the Association USAA Credit Card. USAA has been a great sponsor of the 82nd Airborne Division Association and provided us with an enormous amount of support. Signing up for the USAA Credit Card also supports the Association and you can even donate your Credit Card points to the Association if you wish to do so. If you have not done so already, please look into signing up for the USAA Credit Card, which has the picture of a paratrooper on the card. USAA is a well-respected organization that has supported the Military and Veteran community for many years. 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.

Please be aware that USAA is converting all existing MasterCard accounts to VISA in 2016. The transition will be seamless and have no impact on the current co-branded 82nd Airborne Division Association/USAA cardholders other than a new card being automatically issued.

- 13. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please use the National Application forms, posted on the Association webpage under the Membership tab, or make sure that the information contained on your chapter's applications contain the same information. Also, please make sure that **all information is included** on the Application. Many applications are being received with many blanks, including service dates and phone numbers. One of the most important pieces of information needed is an email address and many applications/renewals leave that part blank. Please be sure your members include that if they have an account. If they don't have any account, please ask if they have a family member whose account may be used so that all members can receive information and updates. We would appreciate the help of the Chapter Chairpersons in making sure the applications are filled out completely.
- 14. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, it would greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many programs we are trying to support for the Division. Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website www.82ndairborneassociation.org. Thank you for your support.
- 15. DONATIONS TO THE "HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT":** We are having great success with our "Holiday Troop Support" program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and the Christmas Holiday. We have already collected enough for the 500 Thanksgiving meals and will be giving them out to the Troops on the afternoon of 22 Nov 2016, with the help of the Division Chaplains. Please continue to send donations so that we can provide 500 more meals over the Christmas Holiday. If donations exceed what is needed for these meals, the

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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 still 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.

- 16. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and to bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Louisville, KY. The inclusion of these Wounded Warriors was a terrific boost for our members and especially for our Wounded Warriors. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 17. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT:** This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of each Certificate is \$5.00, which includes shipping and handling.
- 18. CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL:** We have sent the funds, via PayPal, to Chapters that were due funds from their portion of membership dues sent directly to the National office. The funds from those Chapters whose PayPal accounts were not set up yet were returned to us. We will only be making payments to the Chapters through PayPal and will not be issuing checks anymore. If for some reason your account was not set up, and the money was returned to us by PayPal, we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you when you notify us that your account is ready, so 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. All this information has been previously sent to all the Chapter Chairmen, including 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, but if any Chairmen has not received this information please call us so we can get the information to you. 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.
- 19. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** 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 [Events link](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html) www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html.

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- a. Hilton Head Weekend, 23-26, 2017 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa 888-511-5086.
- b. Annual Southwest Memorial Airborne Days Reunion, 9-11 June 2017 is at Lafayette, LA and is hosted by the Acadiana Chapter. POC is Randy Vidrine 337-684-6175 or 337-288-2730. The host hotel is Ramada Inn US 167.

20. 3rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We are gearing up to make our 3rd Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. Attached is a flyer for the raffle. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71st National Convention. You do not have to be present to win!

21. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. *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 from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and wish them a Happy Veterans Day. They also wish all Members and their families a Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving.

In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering wounded warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

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