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- 1. Loss of Two 82d Paratroopers:** Two Paratroopers of the 82d Airborne Division died during Parachute jumps in April. SPC. Nicholas Roberts, 27, of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, and PVT. Joshua D. Phillips, 19, of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division died from injuries sustained during separate parachute jumps. The Army is investigating the fatalities and has not released any further information. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Families of these young Paratroopers who died training to protect our nation. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2015:** If you have not heard already, the schedule for AAW has changed drastically. The largest change is that instead of a Division Review on Pike Field, this year the Division will be conducting a Joint Operational Access Demonstration (JOAD) at Sicily Drop Zone, followed immediately by a Division review where the Division will march 5000 Paratroopers in from the Drop Zone. We do not yet know how the Veteran participation will take place during the review, but information will be posted as soon as we know. For those of you who have never experienced seeing a JOAD, it is an awesome display of the 82d Airborne Divisions capabilities and I have provided the following URL to an article describing the JOAD that was done for the 2011 AAW:
http://www.army.mil/article/56940/Paratroopers_demonstrate_capabilities_to_public/

Because the JOAD/Review will be an all-day event, the Memorial is moved to Wednesday afternoon, 20 May 2015. All of these changes are shown on the attached schedule. We are hoping to have the 82d Airborne Division Commander, MG Richard D. Clarke, as our speaker at the Association Social on Thursday evening, 21 May 2015. There is still availability at Moon Hall at the Airborne Inn. If you are planning on attending AAW, it is important for you to make your reservations quickly. Remember that reservations for Association members are made with Ms. Monica Wells, and is only for Association members. Those who are not members will have their reservations cancelled in order to ensure there are rooms available for Association members. The reservation code for Members is ABD.

The times and locations for Regimental picnics are posted on the attached Schedule of Events. Any additional updates will be posted on the Schedule of Events online and will be in registration packets provided at check-in. If anyone would like to join your Regiment on the Division run (you must be able to maintain a 9 minute pace for 4.2 miles), please send your request by email to the Association Director at Execdir@82assn.org and I will provide the information to the Regiments. Linkup with your Regiments will be at 0600hrs. The 3rd BCT is planning to run the 34 foot tower for those who wish to participate. The date and time will be posted next week as it is finalized. Further information will be provided at registration. Please look at attachments for information on the schedule of events, and the Golf Scramble. We have not received a lot of participation for the Golf Scramble so please see the attached flier and sign up soon.

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Photos Wanted: Please remember to send (or bring with you) your photo of when you were in the 82d to Mike Lonetto at mikeyL1@verizon.net for inclusion on the “Back in the Day” photo display. Please include your last name and the year.

Reminder: Please notify National of your Chapter’s participation in the Silent Auction planned for the AAW Dinner Social on Thursday. To date, we have only been notified by four Chapters of their participation. We have asked for Chapters to donate a basket which reflects the uniqueness of your state. No basket is too big or too small. *Your support is greatly appreciated!* There will also be an auction for some great items at the Association Social.

3. **69th NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Registrations continue to be received for this year’s National Convention in Orlando, FL. Please remind your members to mail their registration to Caroline Grimsley, 1910 E. Gachet Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813 and to reserve their room with the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orland, FL. Remember to send your Delegate hotel registrations and payments to Caroline Grimsley in Florida and Delegate forms to the National office. If you have already you’re your check to the National office I will be forwarding them to Florida. Just ensure they are sent your registration forms. Hotel reservations can be made at www.paratrooperdz.com Included in the Winter 2014 Paraglide, and also posted online, is the 69th Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association. The deadline for submission is 20 June 2015.

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5. **2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** If you have not yet sent in your Financial Statement, you must do so immediately as we have continued to ask for extensions but the time is drawing closer that we will be unable to attain any further extensions. The following Chapters have not submitted their Financial Statements. If you do not plan to do so and plan on filing on your own, please inform National immediately so that we are not waiting for your submission.

555 PIB Memorial	503/80 Abn AA	Alamo
Ross Carter/Appalachian	Boise Valley	Cal-Nevada
Central Jersey	Connecticut Yankee	Fayetteville
Francis Marion “Swamp Fox”	Golden Brigade-Nationwide	Greater Hartford
Greater Rochester NY	Ames/Olivas Hawaii	John Steele
London Bridge	Black Bear	Mississippi
Northern Arizona	Roanoke Valley	Viking
1SG Charles Harrell-Yuma		

6. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**

- a. Spc. Nicholas Roberts, 27, of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, died Tuesday April 28, 2015 during a training jump over Sicily Drop Zone. On April 16, Pvt. Joshua D. Phillips, 19, of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, died during an airborne training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Further information about the causes of their deaths have not been released.

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- b. After a nine-month deployment in Afghanistan, the last troops of the 82d Combat Aviation Brigade returned home to Fort Bragg on 6 May.
- c. Command Sgt. Maj. LaMarquis Knowles relinquished responsibility of the 82nd Airborne Division to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Green during a change of responsibility ceremony on Fort Bragg, April 27.

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 more about these articles and what is happening within the Division.

7. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** Subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly, to find out more about what is going on within the Division by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*
8. **82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. 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.
9. **CONVENTION DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, 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 by 1 June 2015.
 - b. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due 1 June 2015 to Chairman Nero J. Tucker.
 - c. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson and are due 29 June 2015.
 - d. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due 1 July 2015.

The Active 82d Airborne Division Chapters elect their Military Directors and the 82d Airborne Division Commander will appoint the Division Department of Defense Liaison. This year six (6) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be leaving office (*Indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination for a second 2-year term):

*Allen E. Schoppe

*T. Ed Herlihy

*Jose Aguayo

*Steve Jessie

Gary T. Rezabek

James O'Connor

We have not received many nominations for National Director, please continue to submit your nominations.

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- 10. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please use the National Application forms 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 coming to National with incomplete information. This causes a delay in processing as we try to contact the applicant to get all information requested. Applications are available on our website.
- 11. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:** The deadline for membership to count toward the Chapter Convention Award is 1 June 2015. This allows National time to process membership of all Chapters and then complete the membership certificates and order the necessary awards for Convention presentation in Orlando, FL.
- 12. NEW NATIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Just a reminder that National's email addresses have changed. Please use only the following email addresses for all communication:
- execdir@82assn.org Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director
- execsec@82assn.org All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters
- Emails going to 82dassn@earthlink.net and hq82dabndivassn@earthlink.net will automatically be forwarded to the new email addresses during the change-over period.
- 13. ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION AND MEMBERS DD 214:** Please continue to send your paperwork to National. Your cooperation in obtaining these records is *greatly appreciated*.
- 14. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association's Wounded Warrior Fund is 501(c)3 tax exempt for ALL contributions. This year your generous donations will be used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and our Annual Convention in Orland, FL. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Abn Div Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.
- 15. SPRING PARAGLIDE:** Please continue to remind your members that we are trying to issue the Paraglide in hardcopy through annual subscriptions of \$30. Subscriptions can be made online or mailed in. Copies of the subscription form were attached to the Jan-Feb 2015 bulletin and are available on our website.
- We are hoping for the Paraglide to provide the Association with some much needed revenues, while giving members a hardcopy of the Paraglide. We need your help to make this happen. Please support the Association, and receive the Paraglide also.
- 16. 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.

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- a. 53rd ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
- b. SUN CITY ALL-AIRBORNE FESTIVAL VII 2015, 1-5 July 2015, is at El Paso, TX and is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson All-Airborne Chapter. POC is Treasurer Rick Trevizo 915-562-9969 bp82cmdctr@bpaac.org; the host hotel is Wyndham El Paso Airport 915-778-4241 or 800-742-7248 reservation code: 0701670382 or 82nd Airborne Division Association.
- c. ANNUAL SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION, 5-7 June 2015, is at Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe 281-814-2377; the host hotel is Double Tree by Hilton Hobby Airport in Houston, TX 800-222-TREE, reservation code: ADA or 82nd Airborne Division.

17. 75TH ANNIVERSARY-U. S. AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS: The 75th Anniversary of the United States Airborne & Special Operations will be held and celebrated on 12 August 2015 during the 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL. For more information please contact Carl Bludau-Event Executive Chairman 361-575-8492, Allen Schoppe-Project Treasurer 281-814-2377, or Ron Rath-Executive Committee 919-803-4554. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the Events link.

18. VIETNAM VETERANS' WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION: This event is being hosted by Fort Jackson, SC on 16 May 2015 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam. The event is free and open to the public. Please pass this event on to your Members.

19. 1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Please support National by participating in the 1st Annual Association 50/50 Raffle by providing your membership copies for their participation. Chapters are asked to support this annual Association revenue project by purchasing a minimum of 1 page worth of tickets in your Chapter's name. The raffle tickets are on our webpage and are attached to this bulletin.

20. FACEBOOK PAGE: Please go the 82nd Airborne Division Association and 'like us'. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

21. ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: In an effort to keep the Membership informed, the 2015 Budget to Actual Statement and our Statement of Financial Position are attached.

22. ARMED FORCES DAY: Show your pride and patriotism by displaying our American Flag and remember to pay tribute to all in uniform and show our support for them and their Families.

23. MEMORIAL DAY: On Memorial Day let us remember all the brave men and women who gave their lives to ensure we are able to enjoy the freedoms they have provided to us. With the 70th anniversary of VE-Day also this month, let us give a special remembrance to those men and women who gave their lives during WW II to protect and secure our freedom, as well as the people of Europe. All gave some.... Some gave all.....Remember them this Memorial Day.

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President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association, wish every member's wife a Happy Mother's Day. Please remember to take this time to thank all mothers for everything they do.

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.

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE, National President

Enclosures

OFFICIAL:

BILL BAUER

Executive Director

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