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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY COVEY

Greetings Fellow Troopers,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season. As for me, I had much to be thankful for and I pray that you too will continue to be blessed with good health, prosperity, much love and good friends.

I wish to humbly thank the Board of Directors for electing me to a second, and final, year as Association President. I am honored to serve and will always strive to represent our brothers and sisters with the integrity and honesty that they all deserve.

This will be a transitional year for the Association as we said goodbye and thank you to outgoing Executive Director Bill Bauer, CSM (R) and wife Laura. They have done an outstanding job in their 8 years in the job. We wish them a long, healthy and happy retirement. They plan to keep supporting our Association and attending our events, so, as you see them, offer your thanks for all of their hard work.

Stepping into the Executive Director role is ISG (R) Jimmy Grimes. In typical paratrooper fashion, he has hit the ground with both feet running. His fiancé Ebony Sherling will take over the Executive Secretary role. Their youthful enthusiasm for the job is awe inspiring. Make sure to welcome them on board when you see them at an upcoming event.

As Chapter Officers we can help in the Executive Director transition by insuring that all of the mandatory Chapter reports and forms are submitted to National by their suspense dates. For our many new Chapter Officers, thank you for stepping up to take on leadership roles within your respective Chapters. Please rely on the National Office as well as your outgoing officers for guidance and support. We as LGOP are a team and together we will take this Association to new heights, so it will remain active and strong for generations of paratroopers to come.

AATW,

Gary Covey

National President

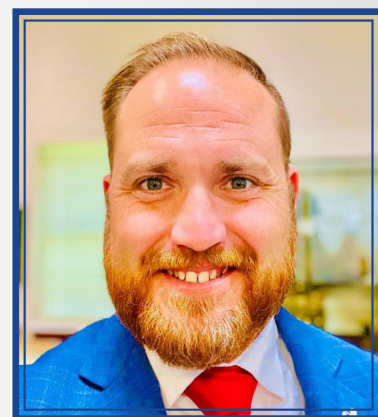
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Hello and Happy New Year to our 82nd Airborne Division Association Members.

We sincerely hope everyone had safe and memorable holidays. I would first like to begin by thanking the members, Board of Directors, and Officers of the Association for this tremendous and humbling opportunity to serve one of the greatest organizations in our beloved country. Ebony and I are very excited to dig in and assist all of our members and chapters to new and exciting heights. We also want to thank Bill and Laura for their tireless efforts to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible. Ebony and I both have some pretty big shoes to fill!



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

We hope to see many of you during All American Week this year. It is shaping up to be a great event and one that our Members will enjoy immensely. It is easy to register – just go to the following link:

<https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

As always, if you are coming as a Delegate, please have your Chapter Delegate paperwork sent to the National Office promptly. Remember that each chapter should have at least one delegate. This allows Chapters to present questions to the Board of Directors, to inform and assist other Chapters with local projects, sponsorships, and fundraising opportunities, and to stay abreast of all that's going on in the Association.

We are also preparing for our 78th Annual Convention in Orlando, FL. We are still planning various events and opportunities and will post a schedule as soon as they are all locked down. You will be very excited about some of the opportunities and events we are working to make available. Once more details are secure and available we will promptly share that information via our webpage, social media channels and emails. There has been a large amount of transition that has transpired over the last few months and several new changes are on the horizon; please stay in contact with us as we work to keep this amazing association running at full speed and don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can assist your Chapter in continuing to live the Airborne spirit amongst yourselves and within the community. I know, in true Paratrooper fashion, that when we work together, we can accomplish great things and all of us here are excited for that very opportunity!

ISG(R) James Grimes

Executive Director

82nd Airborne Division Association



MAJOR GENERAL JAMES WORK

Major General James "Pat" Work was commissioned from the United States Military Academy in 1995. He initially served as a rifle platoon leader and heavy weapons platoon leader in 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), before serving as a rifle platoon leader and HHC executive officer in 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Following completion of the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, MG Work commanded Company B, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment. He also commanded Company C, 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.



Upon completion of the Command and General Staff Officers Course, MG Work served as the operations officer and executive officer of 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. From 2008-2009, he served as Aide de Camp to the 20th Secretary of the Army before serving with United States Special Operations Command. In 2011, MG Work assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and in 2013 began service as a staff officer in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Staff.

In 2016, MG Work took command of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. He later served as Executive Officer to the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army before an assignment as Military Deputy Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation, Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) G8, Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA). In 2020, MG Work returned to the 82nd Airborne Division as the Deputy Commanding General for Support. From May 2021 until August 2023, he led the Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization Directorate within DCS G-3/5/7, HQDA.

MG Work graduated from the Marine Corps War College in 2016 and earned a Master of Public Policy Degree from Georgetown University in 2010. He is married and they have two children.

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Fort Bragg, NC May 20-23, 2024

78th Annual Convention.....

Orlando, FL August 13-17, 2024

Future Association Regional Chapter Events, 2-days or longer, need to be coordinated with the Association Headquarters, and an Event REGISTRATION page is required, prior to being entered and announced on the ASSOCIATION CALENDAR.



FALL DEADLINE

The Deadline for the Paraglide is:

MARCH 31, 2024

Please send news, letters and emails to:

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8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT 2023

Our 8th Annual Holiday Troop Support Project has successfully concluded! On Tuesday, November 21 and Thursday, December 14 with the very generous support of our corporate sponsors, members, Chapters and individual supporters, and with the assistance of the Division Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants, we achieved our mission and handed out 500 meals to our young Troopers and their Families for Thanksgiving and 500 meals for the December Holiday season.

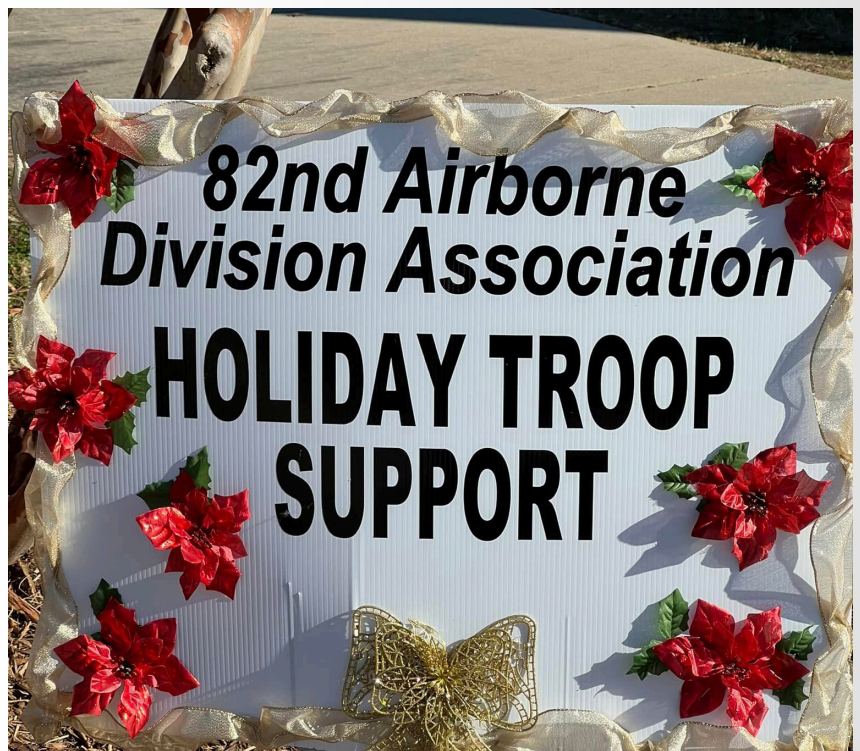
This is a hectic time of year preparing for these events. We start planning months out and begin picking up canned goods, cookie mix, brownie mix, stuffing, gravy, dinner rolls, bread and donuts for both events, days, even weeks ahead of time and then the refrigerated items – the chickens - are picked up the day of the event. As already stated, it is hectic, but it is definitely well worth it! We, again, handed out a combined total of 1,000 meals! What a way to show our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our young Troopers and their Families! We could not have done it without all who supported our efforts!

It was very gratifying to see the smiles on the Families as they come by to pick up the meals and spend a few moments chatting about what this means to them. Many Families were not able to go home for the Holidays, so making this year a little special for them meant a lot.

To all our donors and sponsors Thank You!!! You have our enduring gratitude and appreciation. We could not have done it without your support and donations.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their inspiring generosity and support: Perdue Farms, Bragg and Barn Thrift Shop, Walmart, Constatine Costas, Frank Minoky, Peter Couladis, North Central Florida All American Chapter, Richard Becker, Perry Nantz, Robert Hoidahl, Tillman E Beikes Indianapolis All American Chapter, Chicago Chapter, Greater Daytona All American Chapter, Tampa Bay All American Chapter and St. Michael's All American Chapter. Each year we are able to do more due to your generosity!

Just like all holiday get togethers, there are days, weeks and hours of preparation and, much too quickly, in just a few short hours, the holiday is over and everyone goes home, but the memories remain. We will see you again next year for our 9th event. Thank you!!



HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT 2023



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VETERANS DAY 2023

Again, this year, the Association, together with the Washington DC Chapter, sponsored our 2023 annual Veterans Day Activities. Association and family members, as well as active duty 82nd Airborne Division Troopers, gathered in Arlington, VA from November 9 – 11, to conduct numerous wreath laying ceremonies honoring our Division's Regiments. In addition to laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, wreaths were also laid at the WW I, WW II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials on the National Mall. We further laid wreaths at the future sight of the Desert Storm War Memorial and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial while being received by Susan Eisenhower.

Also, during our time in Washington, Association Member Walter Rauscher hosted the Association for two luncheons at the Sequoia Restaurant. With no surprise, the food was fabulous and the comradery was even better. Thank you, Walter, for your continued support of the Association.



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The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial

Washington D.C.

www.ndswm.org

The Liberation of Kuwait

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

The Memorial

Today, the United States lacks a national memorial dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of its Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association's goal is for completion of the Memorial to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, in 2021.

Memorial Timeline

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

Location

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Financial Position

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

**NATIONAL
DESERT STORM
AND
DESERT SHIELD
MEMORIAL**





VETERAN CHAPTER NEWS

This section reflects the backbone of the Association - the Chapters and what you are doing month in and month out to enhance the Airborne spirit across America. When writing for this section, we ask that you keep in mind the following tips.

Issue date: The dates are the 30th of January, April, July and October. Please write as if the event is taking place before those dates.

Captions: Include information for every photo so everyone will know who's who.

Send to Executive Director: Please send all TAPS, changes of address and new Chapter Officers so that the Association's records may be accurately maintained.

Space: The general rule for space is that each Chapter is allotted 1 page and we use everyone's submissions. However, cuts must sometimes be made in the interest of space and overall page count.

GENERAL DENNIS L. VIA SIGNAL CHAPTER

The General Dennis L. Via All-Airborne Signal Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association recently completed the bi-annual Health & Welfare (H&W) Campaign, designed to ensure that chapter paratroopers feel connected to the organization, have updated information about current plans and initiatives including a chapter scholarship program, VA benefits, PTSD Awareness and Suicide Prevention Information and Assistance, as well as allowing old friends to reconnect. As we are a national chapter, the H&W campaign runs for a few weeks annually, during which different chapter leaders reach out via calls, emails, and texts to the member paratroopers to remind them that they ARE the chapter.

Additionally, chapter members found time to participate in the well-known Wreaths Across America project, attending events in their local areas.

In current news, The GEN Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter is pleased to announce it will be awarding scholarships again in 2024. We encourage all Chapter members to share this information and encourage all eligible family members to apply! Each scholarship awarded will be for \$500.00. Eligible applicants are dependent members of an annual or lifetime member of the GEN Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter seeking an associate or bachelor's degree. Additionally, the Chapter offers the opportunity to apply for a special grant of \$500 to students who are actively enrolled and are pursuing Vocational Training. Only one special grant will be awarded. Chapter members will receive further information regarding application packets via email and posts on Chapter social media beginning 1 February 2024. Winners will be announced during All American Week 2024.

As 2024 approaches, the airborne communicators are excited to continue to grow and are looking forward to commencing planning for All American Week and the Annual Convention

Airborne All the Way!



Shawn Temple and family attending Wreaths Across America in Connecticut



Chapter member Ben Powers looked up a close friend in the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery

GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

2023 Was a pretty good Year for the Ridgway Chapter, with our usual Monthly Meetings and annual events. December 10th. We held our annual Holiday party, We had a great turn out of Old and New Friends. Among those in attendance was Possibly our last surviving WWII Veteran Jim Lavoy. We were also blessed to have our last surviving Charter Member Dan Lee; Dan is a Veteran of Korea and Vietnam. Mary Ann Zaya the Daughter Of a WWII Doctor with the 505th Also joined us with mementos and stories of Her Airborne Dad. It was an awesome Holiday Party, and everyone had a good time.

We at the Gen. Ridgway Chapter are looking forward to what 2024 brings us in the way of opportunities to spend time with old and new friends.

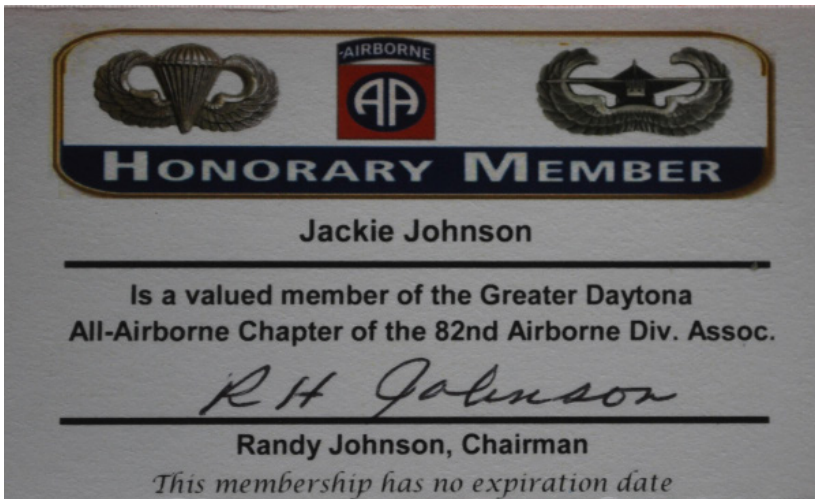
AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY



GREATER DAYTONA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

Welcome 2024; farewell 2023. In this new year, we pray for our deployed Service Members and their safe return to America and their families.

Members of the Greater Daytona All-Airborne Chapter are proud to have participated in events and ceremonies at various times here in the local Daytona Beach area. We represented the Chapter and the Association in events such as awarding the Association Medallion and Certificate, Chapter coins and a monetary gift to the outstanding ROTC Cadet and the Junior ROTC Cadet for exceptional leadership. The Embry Riddle University awardee this year was Cadet (now 2LT) Michael Williams, and the Junior ROTC awardee from Spruce Creek High School was Cadet Anna Johnston.



The leadership of the Daytona Chapter felt that it would be appropriate to recognize our Chapter Ladies (spouses) who give of their time and talents to enhance Chapter activities. For example, our Chapter Chaplain is Mrs. Shelby Mills. Chapter Directors designed the Honorary Member card pictured here. At the October meeting, Vice Chairman Brandon Word presented cards to 3 new Honorary members. Pictured below is the membership card presentation to Andrea Word, Marilyn Goodwin, and Shelby Mills.



Where might we paratroopers meet other paratroopers? How about Italy! Chapter member Carmine Tomsulo was taking in the sights of Italy when 2 young men noticed his Airborne tattoo and ask if he was a paratrooper. The young men were Italian paratroopers and between broken English and broken Italian, they swapped a few jump stories. Airborne!

As usual, Chapter members' generosity was evident at our December meeting. Members were asked to bring toy donations for the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, and the members' response was exceptional. There were games, many items of clothing, bicycles and many other Christmas gifts for needy local children. Treasurer Jody Thomas and Sissy Thomas delivered the toys to the POC for Toys for Tots.



It was both a pleasure and an honor to have participated in the Christmas party at the Emory L. Bennett VA Nursing home in Daytona once again. This year the Daytona Chapter teamed with the Veterans Support Fund (VSF) of Daytona for this event. For the past 26 years, the VSF group has hosted a Christmas party for the Daytona Beach VA Nursing Home. Pictured here are (l-r) Chapter Director Ken Morton, Chapter Chairman Randy Johnson, VSF Chairman Michael Erthal, and guest, Bud Jennings.

GREATER DAYTONA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER



In preparation for the Christmas party, the Activities Director for the VA nursing home, Tiffany Conner visits each of the 110 residents and asks what they'd like to have for Christmas. Members of VSF then shop for each Veteran's gifts, and with assistance from our Daytona Chapter members, gifts and the lunch meal are distributed. Pictured here are photos of Chapter members Brandon Word and Beverly Shook at the VA Nursing Home Christmas party bringing season's joy to some of the residents

At the VA Nursing home, we were introduced to Frank Scott who is a radio talk show host here in Daytona Beach. Frank also supports the Veterans Support Fund (VSF) with commentary and announcements in support of VSF's activities and events. Frank volunteered to include the Daytona Chapter's activities and events during his radio talk show which will enhance our local visibility.



On 16 December, Chapter members participated in the laying of wreaths for Weaths Across America. Of significant importance was the laying of a wreath at the grave site of Chaplain Bob Mills by Shelby Mills and Chairman Johnson. Chairman Randy and Chaplain Shelby are pictured below.

It is with great sadness that our beloved Chaplain Bob Mills "stood in the door" for the last time on 17 April. He was 90 years old. Bob was a Life Member of the Association and our Chapter Chaplain for 15 years. Bob and Shelby rarely missed a meeting, and he always had a kind word for those of us who needed a kind word. As Bob would have wanted, Shelby has taken over as our Chapter Chaplain. Rest in Peace Paratrooper.

We wish for happiness, peace and good health for our fellow Association members in the new year.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

Four members of our Chapter were invited to the Annual VIP Brunch at Mission BBQ in Lady Lake, Florida, December 2, 2023. Pictured bottom left and clockwise are Tony Alger, Rich Troop, Galen Mitchell, and Thurston Helms. Pictured right is Tony Alger with Ed Kory on the right, our WWII 511th Airborne veteran. They were at the Christmas Parade in the Villages, FL. Ed and other WWII Veterans were being honored at the parade. It was good to see Ed, what a trooper.



Our Chapter ended the year with a fun filled Christmas Party. It was good to be able to get together for this event and catch up with a few members. There were some new faces there. Nice to see the increase in members coming out to meetings and other gatherings. A special thanks goes out to our Service Officer Joyce Damon for the table settings and decorations and the Chairman's wife, Hope Alger & Gary Blasczienski for the baskets and items for the Christmas Raffle. Thanks to all the donors for raffle items. Their time and effort made this Christmas Party a huge success.



NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER



Dan Marrin (left) our entertainer for the Party was made an Honorary Member of our Chapter for his work with local military organizations and especially for providing our chapter with music and entertainment for the last three years at no cost to us.

Adrian Stocker, a recent new member won the local SantaCon contest here in The Villages. Dale Noble LTC (ret) our other WWII veteran is given a Quilt Of Valor from the local chapter in The Villages. Dale was with the 501st PIR at Bastogne and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Airborne All the Way, Sir!



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

The Chapter finished up its fund raising on Veterans Day. Several of us attended the Dartball Tournament being put on at the Moose for the benefit of SWAAC. A good crowd that increased and decrease throughout the day and as I understand it, continued on for another four hours after we left!!



Again the community went out of their way to support this fundraiser by donating everything from a diamond ring to gift baskets filled with an assortment that appealed to everyone! Afghans, Afghans with wine, Door County Coffee, match box cars and let's not forget that wagon of assorted spirits!! As always the Italian Goody Basket from Tenuta's went over well!



"THANK YOU"

Our Veterans received Ditty bags filled with needed items, Christmas Stockings, New Clothing, Holiday treats, Christmas cards. VA Recreation Reps from 6 areas were each given Debit Cards for 2024 to take our Veterans on events & outings in the community. The Veterans @ the Zablocki VA Medical Center will be very happy.

Thanks So Very Much For Stepping Up To Make the 36th Annual a wonderful Success.

Wishing You All A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Years 2024.

"Christmas With The Vets" ChristmasWithTheVets.com

Jeff Dentice & the 2023 Vets Christmas Crew

"Giving Tuesday" found us donating to Doc Dentice's Christmas Party that he and his group hold at the Milwaukee VA Hospital for the veterans that can't make it home for Christmas. "Doc" and the crew always do a great job! We also sent a check off to the Paralyzed Veterans of America to assist the Wisconsin Chapter of this great charity. Of course a check went out to the Association as they have always been there for us, supporting our fund raisers with the insurance policies that make them happen! Thankfully we never have had to make a claim on them!

A check also went out to the Travis Mills Foundation as well. Travis came out to support one of our car show fund raiser's and now his



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



foundation is working to support veteran's and their families to re-connect and heal in the back woods of Maine.



Once again the Chapter teamed up with the Carol Beach Homeowner's Association who provide wrapped Christmas gifts for young children as the price of admission to their annual Christmas dinner. As always my car was filled to the brim as I delivered them to "The Veteran's Closet", a charity whose main mission it to take care of homeless veteran's in the Northern Chicago area. It's located outside of Great Lakes Naval Training Center, so they are also visited by active duty lower enlisted who use their food pantry. The toys are destined to their children and the Chapter donated gift cards from a local grocery chain for these families. Normally the cards are held to be given with the toys, but the gals at the Closet asked if these could be given out early as there was that much need this year. It was great to talk with one of the Navy Chief's Drill Instructor who was on site setting things up for the arrival of volunteer's from the Navy Base who volunteer and help at the Closet.

Chapter member Dan Boring was out looking for severely wounded that we could send a check. He found severely wounded from three of the branches of service. Sgt Greg Juedas, USMC who was injured by an IED in Iraq, Air Force Sgt Michael Mather who was shot by a sniper while acting as a forward observer/air controller

Certificate of Appreciation

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In appreciation and gratitude of your generous support of those who serve(d) us through Midwest Veterans Closet.

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Cynthia Peart

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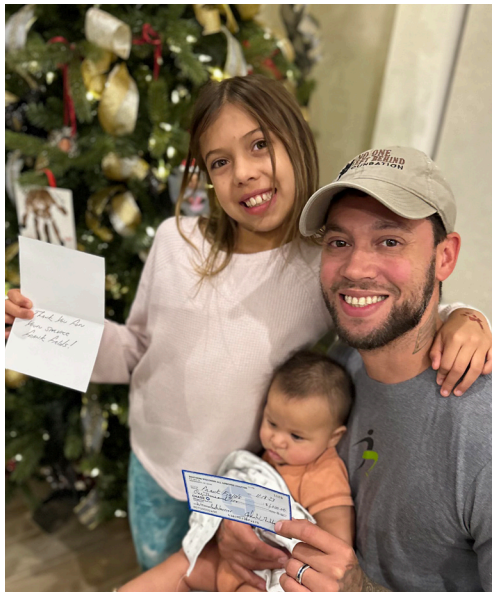
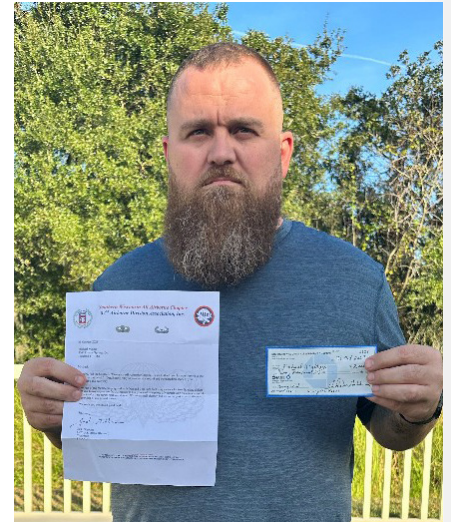
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SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

in Iraq and Army Corporal Frank Fields who lost his leg to an IED in Iraq. The best part of my job is sending out checks to these deserving warriors.

Finally, the chapter gathered for their annual Christmas party to celebrate another great year of working together in a truly worthy cause. It gives us a an opportunity to also thank our wives and families for the support that they render which allows us to do what we do and in many cases they come out and help as well! This year we had several door prizes for the group one of which was a wonderfully made quilt with Nick Pulera's favorite singing group as the subject of the quilt. It truly must have been karma that Nick had the winning ticket for this much admired quilt!



WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

The Wounded Warrior Fund Committee has expanded our goals and broadened our mission of assisting the 82nd Airborne troopers and Gold Star family members. We have recently assisted two Wounded Warrior families during hospital stays. We are actively searching for Wounded Warrior soldiers and Gold star families that we might assist.

We have teamed up with The Florida Dive Company for the 2024 National Convention in Orlando. We will offer a 1 day dive experience for some of our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors and Gold Star Family members. Space will be limited due to Dive Partner requirements. Transportation, equipment and lunch will be provided. It will be held in or around Blue Spring State Park, Orange City FL.

Note: A waiver and a medical clearance questionnaire will need to be completed prior to the event.

Note: FYI there is no certification associated with nor is needed for this event.

We thank the Florida Dive Company and Mr. Jim Newell for this opportunity to serve our Military Family. I would like to thank Mr. Kris Tatter and North Coast Valuations for a generous donation they made. He is further assisting setting us up with an Audi Event at Mid-Ohio race track for some of our Troopers. Thanks goes out to all assisting us to locate our Warriors especially Andrew Ritter and Jaymes Poling.

WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

We have a great committee and I thank them all, Maggie Peppers, Larry Stewart, Jackie Oasch, Dee Dee Kuharik, Cindy Holcomb and Jarrod Lemon.

God Bless and thank you again.



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We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have donated to the Association during the last quarter. Your generosity allows us to continue our Mission and fund Programs that benefit our Active Duty Troopers and to continue to find new programs. We could not do this without your generosity and support. Thank you. Airborne!

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28304-7482

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS AND THE PUBLISHING OF THE PARAGLIDE.

We are happy to report that the 82nd Airborne Division Association has received our 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status approval letter. We are currently working to secure the 501(c)3 status for each of our Chartered Chapters and will announce when we have resolution on our request. A copy of our 501(c)3 letter is located on our website at: [http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1-501\(c\)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1-501(c)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf)

ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2024

May 20-23, 2024

The 82nd Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us as we celebrate All American Week with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall).

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn – Moon Hall) - The Registered Member room rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes buffet breakfast.

Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms:

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall)

Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) lhgarmyhotels.com

Group code: AAW

If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not be eligible for the discounted hotel group rates, nor be able to use our block of rooms!

There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

Registration is \$155. REGISTRATIONS MUST be received by 5 May 2024.

After 5 May 2023, late registration increases to \$180 per person.

Registration can be mailed in or you can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 23 May, at the Iron Mike Conference Center.

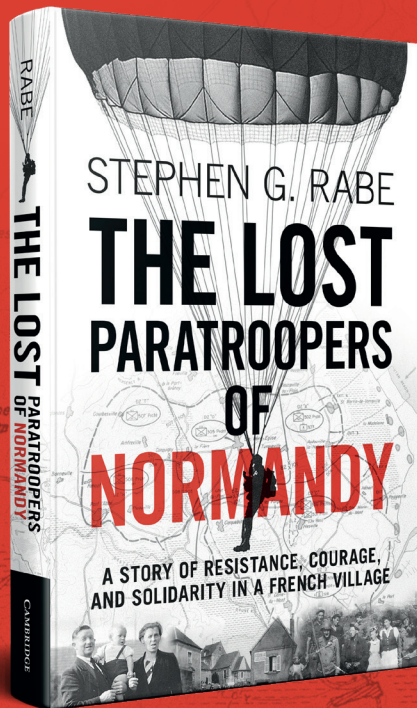
The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 20 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 22 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

The meals for these events, and drinks and snacks in the hospitality room, are included in the registration fee.

Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Moon Hall.

Golf Scramble information will be put out shortly.



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The Association was founded in 1944 by WWII Paratroopers and Glidermen. Their vision was to establish a fraternity that would foster Airborne camaraderie for life. Several years later the 82nd Association almost collapsed. In the late 1940's the Association was reinvigorated by Association Veterans and the rest is history. They made some hard decisions and recommitted themselves, setting the standard that has continued for over 68 years.

Through the years many Association changes have occurred. This past year, yet another chapter was written in our Association's history. An Association LIFE member and benefactor has made a commitment to the 82nd Airborne Division Association and will bequeath a sum of money on his final jump!

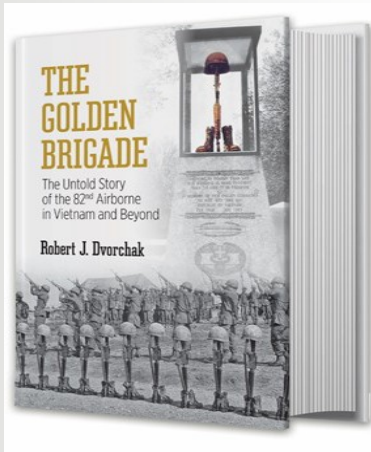
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Robert J. Dvorchak, 178 Jade Drive, Verona, PA 15147 412-793-5068
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Questions: Golden Brigade Chapter 804-338-8222

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ #copies x \$35 _____

Educational Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund since last publication of the Paraglide. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

It's CFC Season!



Look for the Educational Fund in your CFC Brochure,
the Fund is listed with the:
*Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service
Organizations of America.*
CODE NUMBER: 11449
82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

CONTRIBUTOR

North Central Florida All American Chapter

AMOUNT

\$200.00

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2023-2024 Deadline:

OCTOBER 15, 2024

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications **MUST** be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than ***October 15, 2024***. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund

PO Box 87482, Fayetteville

NC 28304-7482

For more information, contact your Chapter Chairman or Secretary.

Donations may be sent to the address above or online at

www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html

Please return completed application
and payment to:

82nd Airborne Division Association
PO Box 87482
Fayetteville, NC 28304



All applications must include verification of
eligibility paperwork. Must show honorable
discharge, airborne qualification or proof of
assignment or attachment to the 82nd Airborne
Division. Please see information sheet for
acceptable documentation.

Membership Application, payment and update can also be processed online at www.82ndairborneassociation.org
under the Membership link or use the QR Code



82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name (First) _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Email _____ (No email address will restrict your access to information.)

Chapter Preference _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

SSN (last four only)/ASN _____ Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Spouse _____

Please check one: _____ Annual Membership (\$35.00) or _____ All American Member \$350.

_____ Transfer Chapter _____ Update Information

_____ Current Member Replacement Card (\$5.00) _____ Replacement Certificate for Current All American Members (\$10.00)

I would like to donate: _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100 _____ other amount - to the General
Fund to benefit the Association's Programs

SERVICE INFORMATION:

Current Status: _____ Retired Military/Veteran _____ Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard _____ Rank

****Time in Service: Entered Service (month/year) _____ ETS Date (month/year) _____****

List AIRBORNE Unit(s) and Combat tours (Most recent first.) Please use the back if more space is needed.

Unit 1 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Unit 2 _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Effective April 2023



**MILITARY MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION/UPDATE**
82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please print legibly!

**Membership/Updates can also be processed online
with the QR Code or online at
www.82ndairborneassociation.org under the
Membership link.**



FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS (HOME OF RECORD):

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

RANK: _____ SSN (LAST 4 Only): _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

HOME #: (____) _____ CELL #: (____) _____

CIVILIAN EMAIL ONLY: _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR THOSE <i>CURRENTLY</i> SERVING IN OR ATTACHED TO THE 82 nd AIRBORNE DIVISION	
____ FIRST YEAR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS FREE	____ ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP (except for First Year) - \$8.20
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-1 to E-4 - \$82.00	____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-5 to E-7 / W-1, W-2 / O-1 to O-3 - \$150.00
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up \$350.00	

LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)

CURRENT UNIT : _____ FROM MO/YR: _____

Combat Tour Location: _____ FROM MO/YR _____ TO MO/YR: _____

Upon ETS, please specify an affiliate Chapter you would like to transfer your membership to: _____

Veteran Chapters can be found at the following link: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/chapter-locator.html> or use the above
QR Code. Affiliate Chapter may contact you only to inform you of local events.

BENEFITS: You have joined a Fraternity of Airborne Troopers (Paratroopers and Glidermen) that became the Charter members during WWII. Their legacy has proudly continued through the years by Paratroopers that now exceed 34,000 members in the largest and only Charter Airborne Association in the world. Additional benefits can be found on our website.

LIFE MEMBERS: Receive a membership card and Certificate, are eligible to attend the August National Convention for life and are eligible for dependent children to receive College Scholarship Grants for up to 4 years.

ANNUAL MEMBERS: Receive a card that will expire one year from date of issue and are eligible to attend the August National Convention.

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 July 2023)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

Current 82nd Airborne Division
Association Card # _____

82nd Association Chapter _____

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ + _____

Dates Assigned/
Attached to the
1st BCT/504th
PIR

From
(MM/DD/YYYY)

To
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Unit _____

Rank _____

SSN _____

(last 4 only)

Current
Occupation _____

Telephone _____

Single ☐
Widowed ☐
Married ☐
Male ☐
Female ☐

Spouse's
First Name _____

Children _____

Payment

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Dues: _____

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Assn.

Annual
Dues: _____

Lifetime
Dues: _____

Make check/money order payable
to the **1st BCT/504th PIR
Association, Inc.** and mail to:
James R. Cook, Treasurer
185 Fox Run Rd.
Pinehurst, NC 28374

If you are also joining the 82nd
Association, please send a separate
check/money order for that
membership payable to the **82nd
Airborne Division Association.**

**** You MUST include a copy of your DD214, ERB or ORB along with your application. ****

Questions or comments concerning the 1st BCT/504th PIR Association should be directed to one of the

following Officers: Association Secretary - 504th.PIR.Association.Secretary@gmail.com

Association Treasurer - the504pir.assn@yahoo.com

Please visit our new website at www.504thpirassociation.org if you prefer to complete your application online.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUMP QUALIFIED Applicants OR Those Who Have Served in Combat with or Attached to One of the Following:

3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

505th Regimental Combat Team
505th Airborne Infantry Regiment
Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)
508 Regimental Combat Team

PANTHER ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership	\$15.05
Lifetime Membership	\$75.05

Name _____ D.O.B. _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

Home Of Record _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Unit assigned to _____ From _____ To _____

Rank/Grade _____

DD214 _____ Jump School _____ Location _____ Year _____ Company _____

Currently a member of (check those that apply):

505th RCT Association _____	505th Chapter of the 82nd Association _____
Golden Brigade Chapter of the 82nd Association _____	555th Parachute Infantry Association _____
None of the above _____	

Type of Membership: _____(Lifetime) _____(Annual)

Make checks/Money order payable to Panther Association and mail to:

Panther Association, Inc. – 2400 Bailey's Crossroads Road, Coats, NC 27521-8920

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their form DD214 to accompany their application.



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Note: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members: Gary Rezabek, President (garyrezabek@yahoo.com), Sue Federinko, Vice President (sfederinko82@gmail.com); Maggie Peppers, Secretary (peppers@82ndairborneassociation.org), Larry Stewart, Treasurer.

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee will consider requests of the Divisions Wounded Warrior/ Purple Heart recipients for their own personal events. These might include fishing trips, mountain climbing, wounded warrior events, bike races and other events they might want to be sponsored for. They may request this through Gary Rezabek as listed above.

Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your

Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Abn Div Assoc Wounded Warrior committee at garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872

WOUNDED WARRIOR & GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Of the 82nd Airborne Division

The committee of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund has made some changes over the past few years. The Committee has grown to meet the needs of troopers with service connected disabilities that were sustained in combat or during a training accident.

We have been assisting our troopers and their families in different ways over the last few years.

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

Travel and lodging for All American Week and to the 82nd Airborne National Convention.

Donations to the Fisher House at Ft Sam Houston TX, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Wash. DC and our own beloved Womack Army Medical Center NC.

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

If you are interested please contact the following for details.

PP Gary Rezabek, President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior committee at

garyrezabek@yahoo.com 216-310-4872.

Dir Maggie Peppers, Secretary 82nd Airborne Division Association WWF Committee.

abnpep@gmail.com, 440-300-8903

Larry Stewart, Treasurer 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee. **stew-**

art@82ndairborneassociation.org, 281-844-1421

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PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

Your 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee would like to sincerely Thank You for your continued support for our Troopers through your donations, prayers, notes, etc. If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members.

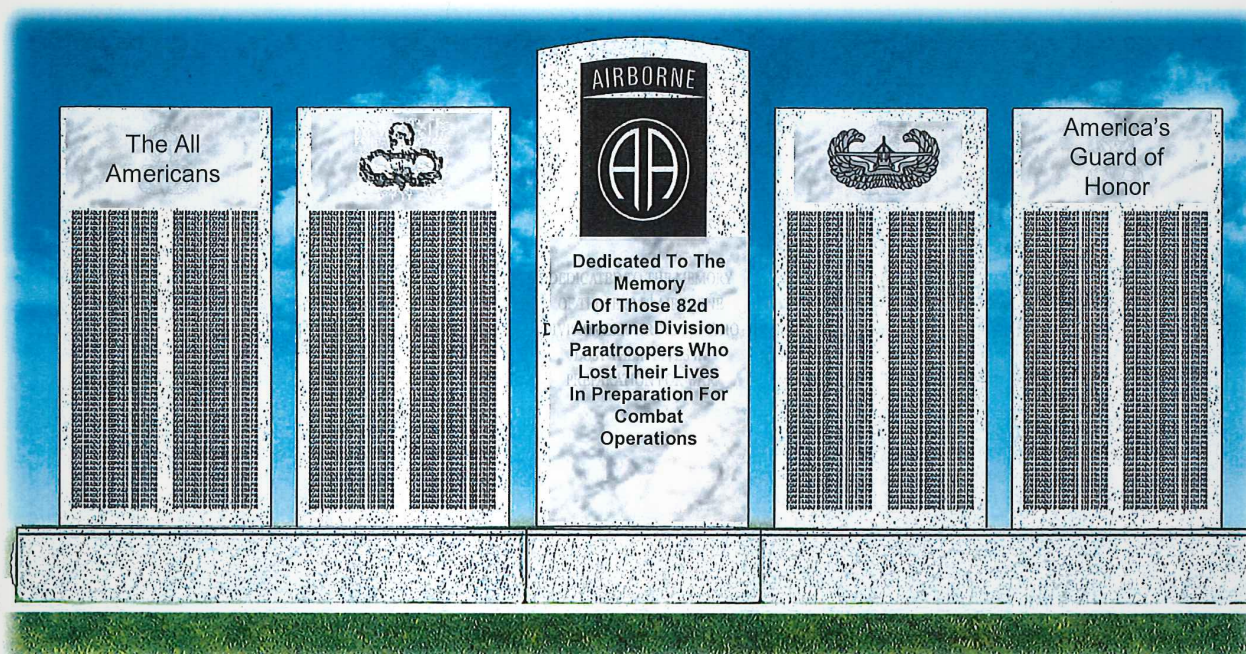
If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

Gary Rezabek,

President 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund.



“Dedicated To The Memory Of Those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers Who Lost Their Lives In Preparation For Combat Operations”



The 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association was formed to aid the 82d Airborne Division in raising and managing funds acquired from private donations to help memorialize significant events and the Soldiers of the Division through material markers in the 82d Airborne Division area.

The Association is fundraising with the goal of adding a new granite memorial at the 82d Airborne Division Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The concept design for the memorial is seen in the image above.

**All donations to the project are tax deductible.
Those making a donation of \$82 or more will receive a certificate from the Memorial Association**

Use the form below and mail your donation to:

82d Airborne Division Memorial Association, P.O. Box 43359, Fayetteville, NC 28309-3359

Name _____		Phone _____
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Signature _____	Date _____	Donation Amount _____



TAPS



The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

Kessler

Melvin Kessler, an All American member of the ISG Leonard A Funk MOH Chapter, passed away 23 May 2021. He served with G/504 PIR from 1943-1946. He was a veteran of WWII.

Gardner

James Gardner, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passes away 10 Oct 2023. He served with 82nd REPL Co, 82nd Airborne Division 1953-1956.

Sallas

Joe Sallas, an All American member of the Chicago Chapter, passed away 28 Jun 2023. He served with L/3-325 AIR.

Chenery

Bernard Chenery, a member of the COL Reuben Tucker Chapter, passed away 24 August 2019. He served with 307 ABN ENGR, 82 ABN DIV from 1953-1955.

Varelli

Mrs. Louise Varelli, an honorary life member, passed away 23 November 2021.

Sniedze

Olgerts (Ogy) Sniedze, an All American member of the Greater Rochester Chapter, passed away 11 November 2023. He served with the D/187 ARCT.

Buffone

Harry Buffone, a member of the Jacksonville All Airborne, passed away 24 October 2020. He served with I Co, 505th, 3rd BN, 82nd Airborne Division from 1942-1945.

Remaley

Birdine L. Remaley SR, an All American member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, passed away on 16 October 2023. He served with HQ 3-504 AIR.

Ferrer

Victor Ferrer, an All American member of the Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR Chapter, passed

away. He served with 7TH SFG (ABN) from 1956-1966 and 1ST SFG (ABN), RVN from 1963-1965.

Dunn

Edwin L Dunn, an All American member of the CPL Steven Koch All Airborne Chapter, passed away 7 November 2023. He served with the 10th Rangers/ABN 187 RCT.

DODD

Gilbert Dodd, an All American member of the Vulcan Chapter, passed away 5 October 2020. He served in C/1-504 PIR and 82nd MP CO 82nd Airborne Division from 1944-1946. He also served in WWII from April 1943-1946.

Penny

Leonard Penny, an All American member of the Vulcan Chapter, passed away 3 April 2021. He served in C-456 PFA BN 82nd Airborne Division.

Walker

Stanley Walker, an All American member of the Vulcan Chapter, passed away 12 December 2021. He served in 10th SFG(A) and Desert Storm-CID.

Stoeckert

George Stoeckert, an All American member of the Washington DC Chapter, passed away 11 November 2016. He served in HHC/1-508 PIR from 1942-1946.

Vidrine

John "Randy" R Vidrine, an All American member of the Acadiana Chapter, passed away 30 December 2023. He served with HHC/2-325 AIR, A/1-325 AIR from 1963-1965.

Givens

John Givens, an All American member of the Badger State Chapter, passed away 1 October 2022. He served with HHC 82nd Airborne Division from 1964-1966.





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CHAPTER ISSUES: Some Chapters continue to struggle and have leadership issues, for a lot of reasons; illness, aging, family problems, etc. If no-one from the Chapter membership steps up, then it is inevitable that the Chapter may have to close. Another possibility is that Chapters may want to consider merging. In ALL cases, Chapter Officers must notify their membership, and then eventually enter the outcome in the Chapter meeting minutes. Next, the Chairman must notify National by mailing a signed letter of their intent. If the Chapter is closing, all Chapter monies and possessions must be provided the National office via Registered or Certified mail in accordance with the Association By-Laws. Exec. Director, Bill Bauer, ATW!

WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!

AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Airborne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker

1948 - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Airborne tab.

1980 - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

1992 - During Desert Storm, coordinated corporate and personal contributions amounting to \$4 million in goods and services and \$17,000 cash to help family members of deployed soldiers.

1994 - Following the accident at Pope, the Association provided \$5,000 for emergency use, Chapters in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia provided much needed support for hospitalized soldiers and their families.

2005-2009 - Provided donations for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Monument.

Beginning 2002 through 2012 - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington D.C.) and Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD and Brooke Medical Center (San Antonio, TX). Contributed funds for the new Division Chapel Stained Glass Window.

2009 - Hosted 42 Wounded Warrior and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 63rd Annual Convention.

2010 - Hosted 47 Wounded Warriors and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 64th Annual Convention.

2011 - Hosted 32 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations at the 65th National Convention.

2012 - Hosted 16 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

2013 - Hosted 7 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 67th National Convention.

2014 - Hosted 2 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 68th National Convention.

2015 - Donation to 82nd Museum \$1,000; Education Fund \$1,000. Sponsored Wounded Warriors at 2015 All American Week and Convention through Wounded Warrior Fund. Provided grants to 93 applicants through Education Fund.

2016 - Donation to All American members killed in training Memorial \$1,000. Donation of food to the Division Food Locker.

2016-2022 Holiday Troop Support - We provided 1,000 meals to the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

National Airborne Heritage Day - Through the efforts of Association members across the country for the past eleven years, the U.S. Senate, as well as many states and municipalities, have recognized August 16th as National Airborne Day, now named Airborne Heritage Day.

2018 - Inaugural All American Adventure – The Association had the honor of partnering with The Center for Discovery, in hosting 20 Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division for the first ever 'All American Adventure', in Hurleyville, NY. This project was made possible only by the generous gift of the Vera and Walter J. Scherr Foundation. The 'All American Adventure' project helps find ways to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The inaugural event, inspired by The Center's world-renowned model for health and wellness, was developed specifically for our Troopers to help support and honor our men and women of the Division, who have recently returned home after nine month deployments in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

2018 Hurricane Florence Relief – We provided 250 Commissary gift cards to young Troopers and their families who lost their perishable goods during the power outages caused by Hurricane Florence.

2018 Holiday Concert – We provided hundreds of bags of candy for Santa to distribute to children during the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert.

2019 All American Adventure - The Association again partnered with the Center for Discovery and hosted a group of service men and women for a resiliency week-end in the Catskill Mountains in NY.

WWII Veteran Return to Normandy - The Association had the Honor of sponsoring a return trip for some of our WWII Veterans to Normandy, France for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

2018-2019 All American Adventure Project bringing Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to Catskill Mountains for a 4 day retreat of boating, fishing, hiking, biking, good food, campfires and concerts. Project is designed as a resiliency getaway for Troopers to relax and reenergize. Project will be done annually.

2019 - Sponsored trip for 4 82nd Airborne Division WWII Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

2019 - Sponsored the attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World WWII Veterans at the 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC.

BENEFITS

Beyond the obvious benefits of lifetime friendships and membership in a Brotherhood that has no equal, the following are provided to members:

- Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of Military news.
- Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.
- Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.
- Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.
- Choose one of over 80 local Chapters throughout the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.
- Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.
- Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.
- Maintain that bond with the Military community.

With your support, the Association can continue to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.

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PARAGLIDE GUIDE

The Paraglide is your magazine. To make it professional and easy to read as possible, the following guidelines and pointers are offered.

CHAPTER NEWS

Space - Under the current structure of the Paraglide, each chapter is allocated a half page and we will use all submissions. When chapters submit more than that amount, it becomes necessary for the Executive Director to edit. You can calculate the one half page space using the following method. Set margins so that you have a 60-character line. Approximately 50 lines will equal one half page. Subtract approximately 12 to 15 lines for each photo.

Issue Dates - The Paraglide is published on the 30th of January, April, July and October. When you submit, write as if all events up to the publication date have taken place even if they haven't or hold it until the next issue.

STYLE

Ranks: It is policy of the Association to only use rank when the individual is active duty SGT, a general officer MG, or when the individual retired CSM (R) or former rank is significant to the story. **Dates and Times:** All dates and times are written civilian style. Do not include day with date; example: 4 p.m., July 15, 2009.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO THE PARAGLIDE

Please send the items below to the Executive Director, not the Paraglide Editor. This is necessary in order to maintain accurate Association Records.

The Executive Director forwards appropriate information to the Editor.

- Change of Address
- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

NEWS ARTICLES

News stories are generally based on an event and are reported written in the inverted pyramid style. This means the most important facts should go into the first paragraph, with the other details following in descending order of importance.

FEATURES

Feature stories are the soul of any publication. They're the heartwarming personality profiles, the tragic but heroic war stories, the photo features that make you believe you're there and the indomitable histories of people and events that have shaped the 82nd and the Association.

PHOTOS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is a dynamic group and the Paraglide should reflect that energy. When possible, submit action photos as opposed to posed or static shots. A good rule of thumb is to select photos in which the subjects' heads are dime-size or larger. Neither Xerox copies nor newspaper clippings can be reproduced for publication.

Caption: Identify everyone in the photo whose face is clearly shown. From left to right, include their first and last names.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

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DEADLINES

The Paraglide deadlines are firm and should reflect upcoming events and those which took place the previous quarter.

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Issue / Deadline / Publish Date

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Fall / September 30 / October 30

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