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- CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE:** We have notified all our Chapters and Registered Members of the All American Week events that all the 2020 All American Week events have been cancelled by the Association and the 82nd Airborne Division. *Landmark Inn (910)495-1215 and IHG Army Hotel (Moon Hall) (910)853-7624 have told us that they have only cancelled reservations for members who booked reservations using our code. Please call to confirm that your reservation has been cancelled.*

Most events through June 2020 have been cancelled at this time. In North Carolina, as with most States, there is a stay at home order in effect. The National Office members are working from home, but are able to accomplish all tasks and receive your calls. We have requested that all our Chapters either cancel upcoming meeting or conduct their meeting via teleconference or video conference. We also request that any Chapter events scheduled through June 2020 be rescheduled or cancelled. This date may be extended past June 2020, as necessary.

Please heed the warnings and remain home with any travel being for essential personnel and essential needs. We want all our Members to remain as safe as possible through this pandemic and hope to see you at events once we are given the All Clear.

- 74th ANNUAL CONVENTION:** As of now, there is no change to the 74th National Convention. If there are any changes, we will notify our Members immediately. Our 74th Annual (2020) Convention will be held in Houston, Texas from 5-9 August 2020 and is sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. The Lone Star Chapter is already hard at work on planning the Convention and has posted the registration at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

There are also two tours available during the Convention. A tour to the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum, and the Houston Space Center. These are two tours that are amazing and you won't want to miss. The Convention will be held at the HOUSTON MARRIOTT WESTCHASE, 2900 Briarpark Drive, Houston, TX 77042. You can make your hotel reservation by calling 713-978-7400, and using our Group name:



82nd Airborne Association Group ID # ACAN or you can make your reservation online at: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservation-link.mi?id=1566238121768&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

“America’s Guard of Honor”

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



The hotel reservation cutoff date is July 5, 2020, so make your reservation early. This year's Convention will honor the 75th Anniversary of the 82nd Airborne Divisions contributions to the Victory of World War II, and the 30th Anniversary of the Gulf War. Join us as we honor our Divisions' Veterans and their sacrifices in securing freedom.



3. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2020, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>)

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

This year, five (5) Veteran Directors will be elected at the Convention and the following Veteran Directors will be Completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

Gary Rezabek
David Pitman

*T. Ed Herlihy
Cletus Slabach

*Randall Johnson

4. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The 2020 Awards Committee Chairman is Past President/Director Richard Becker, and he will accept nominations for All American of the Year, as well as for the Public Relations Award. Please email nominations to becker@82ndairborneassociation.org or mail them to the National Office.
5. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2020 CONVENTION:** *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter's concerns addressed at the Delegates' meeting, you must send in your Chapter delegate certification form.* Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend the 2020 Convention by 31 July 2020. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Recourses on the Quick Links button. Forms and Resources are located at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>

As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during



the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2020. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

6. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Due to the Corona Virus pandemic until further notice Directors will not be attending any events.
7. **PAYMENT OF CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES (CHAPTER REFUNDS):** The portion of membership dues received directly at the National Office, and are to be paid to the Chapter selected by the member upon registration, as per the Association by-laws, Article II-Membership, Section 1, Paragraph E, Subparagraph 1, Items a-c, for the period July - December 2019, will be sent via mass payment on PayPal by 24 April 2020. PayPal will send an email to the Chapter email address to notify you of this payment so that you may insure your payment is directed to your Chapter bank account. Any Chapter who has not yet set up their PayPal account must do so within 30 days of receiving the payment or the payment will be returned to the National office account. All monies returned to the National Office account will be held for the Chapter until such time as the Chapter has set up their PayPal account and can receive their payment. Any Chapter wishing to donate their payment to the National Office, please notify us by email prior to 24 April 2020.
8. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2020:
 - a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82nd Trooper.
 - b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82nd Airborne Divisions Jumpmaster, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Trooper of the Year at our annual dinner during All American Week (AAW). On the final evening of AAW, the Leadership and Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division join the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members as we present these outstanding Troopers with awards to recognize their accomplishments (accomplished through Association and corporate donations).



c. **3rd Annual All American Adventure 2020: (POSTPONED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS)**



All American Adventure 2019

Plan is to send twenty 82nd Airborne Division Troopers on a 4-day resiliency trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment, this project uses donations from Association Members and Chapters, and Corporate sponsorship to accomplish this project. This trip will take place in June 2020, provided we are able to secure funding for our Troopers. Help us in providing an avenue to assist our 82nd Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.

d. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division:** Currently supporting redeployed Troopers placed in quarantine at Ft Bragg. Our Association stands ready to provide support to our Deployed Troopers as they protect our Nation. The more donations we receive, the more we can do to support our Troopers while they are deployed. Help us to show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.

e. **Holiday Troop Support 2020:** This year will be our 5th Annual “Holiday Troop Support” and we will again provide over 1000 meals to young Troopers and their Families over the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to insure the Families of young 82nd Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



f. **Honoring the Service of our World War II Veterans:** The Association will again sponsor attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World War II Veterans at our 74th annual Convention honoring their service on the 75th Anniversary of the Victory of World War II. Please help us to once again honor the service of our WW II Veterans by supporting this project with your donations. Please give our Members the opportunity to share in the experiences of these National Treasures, while we still can, by bringing them to our 74th Annual Convention.



9. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** Our Members continuously asked that our Association do more to support our 82nd Troopers and Veterans, and over the last few years we have worked hard at doing just that, as you can see from the current projects above, and we continue to look for more ways to support our Active Duty and Veteran Members. We said we would move the Association to a 501(c) 3 tax exempt status, and we did just that. Now we have members who are asking us to do even more for our Members and we will work to do just that. But, even though we have been successful in obtaining support from numerous corporate and individual donors (mostly non-member donors), we still need the support of all our Local Chapters and Association Members.



Currently the Association funds the annual tax submissions for All Chapters, pays the insurance coverage for the entire Association (including All Chapters), provides all the administrative needs for Members and Chapters (including membership cards, certificates to new members, maintenance of membership and Chapter data), and then provides almost ¼ of the annual membership dues to the local Chapter. With what is left we must fund all other administrative needs, and can then work to support our Active Duty and Veteran Members. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We accomplish all our projects with donations from approximately 10% of the Association Chapters, and individual donations from less than 1% of all our members. Imagine this, our Chapters and Members continue to ask that we do more, but not more than 1% of the Members even send \$1 to support these needs. How do we ask others to support us when our own Members are not supporting their Association? Our 2019 projects of sending our WW II Veterans back to Normandy and the Annual Convention, at no cost to the Veteran, as well as our All American Adventure, were accomplished with very little or no help by our Chapters and Members.

We are not asking for large donations, but any donation will show your support for the work we are doing. We need our Chapters and Members to help support the work the Association is doing. This is your Association and its success is dependent on your support. Without your support, we will not be able to continue our support of our Active Duty and Veteran Airborne Brothers and Sisters. Please help your Association, in our efforts to serve our Airborne Family, by donating any amount to the Association General Fund. Every little bit helps. Please support your Association and our Airborne Community!

To make a donation, PLEASE go to DONATE at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html> or mail your donation to the National office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Do your part in helping the success of the Association.

10. ASSOCIATION 501(c)3 STATUS: Now that the 82nd Airborne Division Association is a 501(c)3 organization, it is no longer necessary for the Association to go back to check current Member DD-214s for their Time In Service dates. We will still need the DD-214 for new Memberships to verify the applicant's eligibility for membership by providing their Character of Service, Airborne status, and or their service in the 82nd Airborne Division. As always, the National Office will use the documentation to verify eligibility, and will return original copies of DD-214s sent to our office. The Association has submitted all needed documents to the IRS for the Chapters to be designated as 501(c) 3 organizations. We hope to have resolution by no later than our Annual Convention.

11. CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS: *When your Chapter elects Officers, you must notify the National Office so that we can update our records.* Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officers, with contact information to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association



website. Please send your officer information. **Please do NOT send a note stating that the officers are the same or that there are no changes from the previous year(s). Even if there are no changes, please send a list of the current officers, with their current contact information.** We have extended the due date for this report to 31 April 2020. *Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account.* If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance. Thank you to those chapters that have sent their list to National.

12. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS: The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the Quick Links / Forms & Resources folder on our website to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter Continuity and Chapter Startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.

13. 2019 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The completed 2019 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, are now due by **10 May 2020 due to the IRS change in Tax submission dates.** The statements were emailed to your Chapter email address, between 22-23 January 2020, and must be completed and returned to the National Office by **10 MAY 2020.** If you do not allow the National Office to file your tax return with our Group Income Tax Return, the Chapter will have to file their Tax Return separately, at the cost of the Chapter. If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman, stating that the Chapter has filed their taxes separately from the Association. The following chapters have submitted their Financial Report for 2019 – Thank you:

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| Badger State | Central Ohio AA | Central Pennsylvania |
| Don Lassen/Atlanta AA | Evergreen State | James Etherton-Detroit |
| Kentucky Airborne | North Central Florida AA | North Jersey |
| North Texas | Northeastern Pennsylvania | Oklahoma AA |
| San Joaquin Valley | Tampa Bay AA | Tillman Beikes-Indianapolis |
| Washington DC | St. Michael’s AA | 1SG Leonard Funk MOH |
| Chicago | CPL Edward Slavin | Greater Daytona AA |
| Hampton Roads All Services | Low Country AA | Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR |
| Rocky Mountain | South Texas | Texas Lone Star |
| Greater Hartford | | |

14. 2019/2020 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS: Per the Association By-Laws, “a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter” throughout the 2019 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2020 were due at the National Headquarters by February 28, 2020. We are extending this deadline to 31 April 2020. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. Thank you for your continued support!

15. 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.

- 16. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. **10 May 2020-** Chapter Financial Report due
 - b. **31 April 2020-** 2019 Chapter report and 2020 Chapter Officers and Schedule due (Suspense date extended)
 - c. **1 June 2020-** Nominations for 2020 National Director due
 - d. **1 July 2020-** Communication & Public Relations Award Program entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due 1 July 2020 to Chairman/Director Richard Becker. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Becker.
 - e. **31 July 2020-** Delegate Certification for National Convention due
- 17. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82nd Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the silk on the front. It's a very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
- 18. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who insure they shared their email address with the Association will receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles, and links to our Bulletins, the Paraglide Magazine, and Fliers and Registration forms for Association Event. If you are not receiving the E-news bulletin to your email just send us your email address and we will add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!
- 19. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
- 20. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters!* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and/or on the Association's website at the following link www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.



- a. 2020 Airborne Awards Festival, 22-25 April 2020 (**POSTPONED DUE TO CORONA VIRUS**) in Columbus, GA is hosted by the Don Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is the Hilton DoubleTree, 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd, Columbus, GA. Hotel Reservations are 706-327-6868. The POC is Maggie Peppers at 410-300-8902. For more information, go to www.82nd-atlanta.com
- b. 2020 Sun City “All Airborne” Fiesta VIII, 1 – 5 July 2020 in El Paso, TX is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson “All Airborne” Chapter. The host hotel is Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, 600 N. El Paso Street, El Paso, TX 79901. Hotel reservations 800-445-8667, reservation code ADA.. The POC is John Ceballos, 2608 Fort Blvd, El Paso, TX 79930-2116. For more information, go to <https://www.bp82eptx.org/>

21. 6th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Let’s make our 6th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 9 August 2020 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 74th National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

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

President Rezabek, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses want to wish to thank all Members for their service and to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!



We especially want to thank all our members for their service and helping the Association have another successful year. Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. At any given time, there are those of our Armed Forces deployed to secure our freedom and to help those in need. We wish them a safe return.

Gary Rezabek
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director