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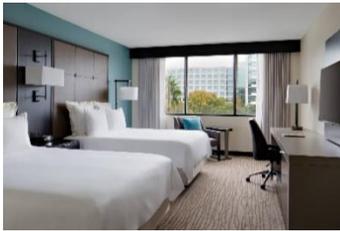
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PLEASE DISSEMINATE THE BULLETIN TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

1. **2021 CONVENTION:** Our 2021 Convention will be in Houston, Texas sponsored by our Lone Star Chapter. They are already working out the planning. Information and registration is available at the National website: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> and the



Lone Star Chapter's website:

<https://texaslonestar82.org/convention.html>

The host hotel is the HOUSTON MARRIOTT

WESTCHASE, 2900 Briarpark Dr., Houston, TX 77042. You can make your hotel reservation by calling 713-978-7400 or by going to the Chapter website above.



2. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2021:** Due to facilities on Fort Bragg not being open enough to fully conduct AAW 2021 events, AAW 2021 is postponed until Aug 30-Sep 2, 2021. We believe this will improve our ability to fully enjoy all of the AAW events and have an event that is in line with past AAW events. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to our members, but this is the best course of action to ensure a great AAW event.

Registered members have been contacted via phone or email and given the opportunity to remain on the reservation list for the Aug 30-Sep 2, 2021 event, or request a full refund. If you have not yet made a reservation, we have updated our reservation web page, and printable reservation page, on our EVENTS page on the Association website at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>.

If you have made reservations at the **IHG Army Hotel** (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall) for May, 2021, you will need to cancel your reservation for May or request that your reservation be moved to the Aug-Sep, 2021 time frame. Rooms have been blocked off for the Association for the Aug-Sep, 2021 time frame and are still \$75/night for a standard queen room (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) ihgarmyhotels.com (**Group code: AAW**).

Due to the limited number of rooms at the Airborne Inn, we have also made arrangements with the **Landmark Inn** for our registered members. Landmark Inn rates are \$84.99/per night for a standard queen

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room (two queen beds) and a one bed suite (queen bed and a queen pullout) and includes a continental breakfast. **Cut-off to reserve under the group discount rate is 15 August 2021, so please book early.** Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding rooms: **Landmark Inn**, 1208 Glider Street, Fort Bragg, NC 28307 (910) 495-1215. (Reference “82nd Airborne Association” when making reservations). <https://ftbragg.landmarkinns.com>

Registration for AAW is \$120 per person. After Aug 13, 2021, registration will increase to \$140 per person. Online registration, as well as a printable registration form and flyer are now on our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

We will keep you apprised of any changes/updates that occur due to COVID-19 via our website and Facebook page.

3. **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, have been sent to the Chapters.

4. **2020 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The completed 2020 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, are due by **15 APRIL 2021**. The statements were emailed to your Chapter email address, between 21-22 January 2020, and must be completed and returned to the National Office **no later than 15 APRIL 2021**. Any financial reports not received by this date will need to be filed by the chapter separately, and at the cost of the chapter, and will not be included in the Group Income tax return. 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. *Chapters that fail to file tax returns with the IRS, either with the Group return or separately, are subject to having the Board of Directors removing their charter, and closure of the chapter.* The financial statements can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or mailed to the National office. The following chapters have submitted their Financial Report for 2020 or informed us that they are filing separately – Thank you:

Central Pennsylvania	CPL Edward Slavin	Don Lassen/Atlanta AA
Evergreen State	Gateway	Golden Gate
Greater Daytona AA	Greater Hartford	John Towle MOH – Cleveland
Kentucky Airborne	Lozado/Rubio/Conde PR	New York
North Jersey	Oklahoma AA	Rocky Mountain
San Joaquin Valley	South Florida AA	Texas Lone Star
Washington DC	1SG Funk MOH	Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI
Blue Ridge AA	Central NY AA	Don Lassen/Atlanta AA
Chicago	COL Reuben Tucker	Hampton Roads All Services



John Towle MOH-Cleveland	Lehigh Valley	Low Country AA
LTG Gavin	Niagara Frontier AA	North Texas
Benavidez-Patterson AA	Southern Arizona	Space Coast AA
St. Michael's AA	Tampa Bay AA	Virginia State
Central Ohio AA	Northern Michigan AA	Southern Wisconsin
Lew Millett MOH Memorial	Acadiana	Wolverine AA
CAL-Nevada AA	Akron	Badger State
GEN Dennis Via AA Signal	North Central Florida AA	Walter Hughes/Tri-State

5. **IRS NOTIFICATION REGARDING 2019 TAX FILING:** Once again, the IRS is sending notifications to some of our chapters stating that the required annual return has not been filed. We have filed the return and we do not know why these keep going out. If you sent your 2019 return to the National office on time, your chapter has been included in the group return. If you have received this notification, please either email to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or send via mail to the office and we will submit to our accountant to address with the IRS. If you did not send your return to the National Office, you will have to contact the IRS directly.

Regarding those chapters that have notified us, our accountant has sent a letter to the IRS explaining, that these chapters are part of the Group filing and should not be getting these notifications. He also asked for a written response that this matter has been resolved. We will keep you apprised of the status. This issue may occur due to our requesting extensions because some Chapters are filing their financial statements late to the National Office. The National Office will no longer request extensions, nor will we file for Chapters that are late in sending their financial statements.

6. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL DIRECTORS:** 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 2021, 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, six (6) 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):

*Steve Copening	*Bill Bell	*Nero Tucker
*Bill Waller	*Maggie Peppers	Rich Becker



7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2021 AAW AND 2021 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 AAW by 1 May 2021 and the Convention by 31 July 2021. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Resources on the Quick Links button. Forms and Resources are located at: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html>

The AAW Delegates meeting will be held via Zoom meeting, as it was for the AAW 2020 meeting. The meeting will be held on 24 May, 2021 and an invitation to the meeting will be sent to all delegates email addresses, and to the Chapter email account. This is an important meeting for Chapters to express their concerns and all Chapters are to assign a delegate as detailed in the National By-Laws.

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 are 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 2021. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

8. **2020/2021 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS:** DEADLINE: Past due. 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 2020 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2021 *is a Chapter requirement*. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. Thank you for your continued support!
9. **2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION:** The Association sponsored 2021 Alumni book information gathering period has ended, and the publishing phase has begun. The book release date is planned for June-July 2021. If you have any questions concerning your purchase or are still interested in purchasing the book, you can contact the publisher directly at 1-800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com



10. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - The 82nd Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82nd Airborne Division bourbon bottle. It is now available through Boundary Oak Distillery. The Association will not be selling the bottle. It is becoming available in more and more states. In August 2020, the bottle became available at numerous Class Six stores and you can also work with a local liquor store to order these bottles. It is an awesome dedication to the Division and has already sold over 19,000 bottles. The Maroon Wax seal bottles are currently on sale, and the next bottle to be released is the white wax bottle. It will give the opportunity to collect the Red, White, and Blue versions of the bottles, which are the National flag colors, and also the colors of the 82nd Airborne Division. We have also posted images of the bottle on our Facebook page with links to how to purchase the bottle. Members who have purchased and tasted the Bourbon have been very impressed. I think the Association has done an excellent job in selecting and designing this bottle and if you have not looked into it yet, I urge you to do so.



To order call:
270-351-2013

11. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION: This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2021:

- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance to 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 2021 (Cancelled due to Corona Virus):** 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 usually takes place in June, provided we are able to secure



All American Adventure 2019



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:** 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 2021:** This year will be our 6th 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. **Increasing Support for Spouses and Dependent Children of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association is currently looking into projects to increase our support of the Dependent Children of our 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Heroes. We believe it is our obligation to work to ensure continued support of these Dependent Children and we are working hard to develop plans and funding to accomplish it. We will provide more information as our planning progresses.

12. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations have caused the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, to help make up for these losses of funds. Several Association Chapters have stepped up to the challenge and provided awesome funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2021 will take funding and we hope you will see the value in these projects. Please help us to realize the success of all our upcoming projects so that we can continue to Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.

13. **WEBSITE UPDATES:** Over the next few months we will be making updates to our website. This should not cause any issues for your use, but if you are unable to enter certain pages please check back later to see if the problem persists. If it does, please call our office for assistance.

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

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



- a. 28 February 2021 - 2020 Chapter Activities Report, 2021 Chapter Schedule and 2021 Officers – **PAST DUE**. *Please send immediately.*
- b. 15 April 2021 - Chapter financial reports due to National Office
- c. 1 May 2021 - Delegate Certification for All American Week
- d. 1 June 2021 - Nominations for 2022 National Director
- e. 1 July 2021 - Communication & Public Relations Award Program entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to the Awards Committee Chairperson.
- f. 31 July 2021 - Delegate Certification for National Convention

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

17. 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!

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

19. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS: *Support our Chapters!* Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and/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. Please see above for AAW and Convention details.

20. 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! To ensure you are at the correct Facebook Page, look for the Association Logo on the page. If you see the Association Logo, you are on the right page.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted. Our site is only to keep Members informed of Association operations and to



foster the spirit of the Airborne Community. Please join and like our page. We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted, or will be hosting, to share with our members!

President Copenig, 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!



Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! It is an honor to serve in this outstanding Association with all of you and we wish you continued health and safety. We hope that we will be able to see you again soon at National and Chapter events. In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Steve Copenig
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director