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

- 1. NEW ASSOCIATION MASS EMAIL CAPABILITY TO MEMBERS:** In our efforts to best keep all of our Members informed, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association National Office now has the capability of emailing directly to all of our Members that have provided email addresses to the Association. You may already have received our Happy Holiday email message sent on 13 Dec 2022, but if not, it is because we do not have an updated email for you. Chairmen, please check with the members you have contact with and ensure they received the email from the National Office, and if not, ask them to update their email address with the National Office.
- 2. 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:** THE 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, DC, AUG 9-12, 2023. WE WILL BE POSTING THE FLYER AND REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE SHORTLY AND ALSO EMAILING TO MEMBERS.
- 3. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2023:** The AAW 2023 is 22 – 25 May 2023. Registration is \$150 per person, and will increase to \$175 per person after May 5, 2023, for late registration, so register early! The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 25 May, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 22 May and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 24 May, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 22 - 25 May.

Registration forms and online registration are available on our website <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>. Upon arrival, please be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk located in one of the suites on the first floor at Moon Hall.



Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall). The Registered Member rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes a 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](http://Ihgarmyhotels.com), Group code: AAW.

If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not receive the discounted hotel rates, nor be able to stay in our block of rooms! There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at AAW. A great time will be had by all and you don't want to miss this!

*"America's Guard of Honor"*

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



4. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** Please remember all the of the projects that the Association has done in the past and is hoping to continue in 2023. This will take funding and you know the huge importance and value in continuing these projects. With your help, we can continue to realize the success of all our upcoming projects that will continue to show our support to the Troopers and Families of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

5. **HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT:** On 22 November and 13 December, the Association conducted our Holiday Troop Support event providing a total of 1000 packaged meals to



82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers and their Families. It was a HUGE SUCCESS thanks to all the donations of our local Chapters and individual Members. We could not have accomplished this event without your support. Your donations truly made a difference in the lives of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers and their Families during the Holiday Season. Thank you for your Amazing Airborne Spirit. We would also like to thank members of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter for coming to Fort Bragg and assisting with the Thanksgiving Holiday Troop Support event.



6. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS FOR 2023:** On 1 January 2023, the following will be the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association 2023 Board of Directors:

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| Director Gary Covey      | Director Lawrence Slavicek |
| Director Maggie Peppers  | Director William Waller    |
| Director Michael Oesch   | Director Brian Severino    |
| Director Joseph Steen    | Director Larry Stewart     |
| Director Steven Copening | Director Steven Daugherty  |
| Director William Bell    | Director Nero Tucker       |

7. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2023:**

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| Director Gary Covey – President     | Director Larry Slavicek - Vice President |
| Director Maggie Peppers – Secretary | Director William Waller – Treasurer      |

8. **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL OFFICERS:** We encourage Chapters to begin looking at prospective nominees for the 2024 Board of Directors. These are very important positions within the Association and ones that will allow members to assist the Association in its continued success.

9. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2023 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2023. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: [tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org)

10. **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.

**11. NEW ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES:** In our efforts to make a greater difference in the lives of our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Troopers and their Families, our Association is providing more educational scholarships to our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Family. In coordination with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, we have initiated the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fallen Trooper Family Fund to provide scholarships to Spouses of Troopers lost while assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. For more information, and applications, go to: [www.82FTFF.org](http://www.82FTFF.org) . If you know a spouse that this scholarship could help, please direct them to this website. “We Will Not Forget”.

We are also providing scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers Killed In Action (KIA), Killed In Training (KIT), or In Line Of Duty (ILOD), while assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. We can also provide scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers with a service connected disability. All these scholarships relate to Troopers serving post 9/11. For more information, you can contact our National Office.

We are also able to provide support to children and spouses of Members who are collecting disability through the Veterans Administration. These scholarship funds are in addition to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Education Fund and you may be eligible for both scholarships. Notify our office if you have questions.

**12. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2023:

a. **Support for Families of 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and WIAs:** Provide assistance to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fallen Trooper Fund.

b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Divisions Jumpmaster, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Trooper of the Year at our annual dinner during AAW. On the final evening of AAW, the Leadership and Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division join the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Members as we present these outstanding Troopers with awards to recognize their accomplishments (accomplished through Association and corporate donations).

c. **All American Adventure 2023:** The plan is to send twenty 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 funding for our Troopers. Help us in providing an avenue to assist our 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.





- d. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.
- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2023:** This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



**13. ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).

- a. Kentucky Airborne Reunion, February 16-18, 2023 in Lexington, KY is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is the Quality Inn, 1938 Stanton Way, Bldg A, Lexington KY (Hotel reservations: 859-413-2765. Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or <https://www.kentuckyairborne.org/events.html> POC is Bill Waller 502-396-4770.

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

- a. **1 February 2023** – Chapter Officers for 2023.
- b. **1 February 2023** – 2022 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2023 Chapter Schedule.
- c. **10 April 2023** – 2022 Chapter financial reports.

Forms for the above required documents will be emailed to the Chapter email address in January 2023. The Officer and Year End Reports can also be found on our website under Forms and Resources: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/required-annual-chapter-reports.pdf>

**15. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHAPTERS:** Chapters need to be cautious when using images, cartoons, etc., that are found on the internet, on your websites, newsletters, etc. If it has a copyright, you can be leaving yourselves open to litigation. This has happened to a Chapter recently and we hope to avoid other Chapters from having to deal with this issue. Always search to ensure items do not have a copyright prior to using.

**16. 2021 82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT:** The 2021 Association Financial Report is posted on our website at the following link in Quick Links/Forms and Resources/: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html> and has been emailed to all our Chapters through their Association email address.

**17. 2022 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2022 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal



Income Tax Return, will be emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, at the Chapter email address, in mid-January 2023. If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.

18. **2022/2023 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED)**: DEADLINE: 1 February 2023. 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 2022 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2023, is a requirement. We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form.
19. **CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS**: As we come to the New Year, there are required Chapter documents that must be sent to the National Office, and the suspense dates are posted in paragraph 14. **Required Chapter documents are not optional and are required for the Chapters to maintain their non-profit 501(c)4 status.** Any Chapter that does not submit the required documents will be reported to the Board of Directors, and be subject to closure by the Board of Directors. There are only a few required documents required to be submitted every year by the Chapter Chairman, and they must be completed. *We have created a standard form for all required annual reports. Please use only that form, which is available on our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>*. If the necessary information is not included in the reports, the Chapter will be asked to resubmit with the required information.
20. **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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles, and links to our Bulletins, the Paraglide Magazine, and Flyers 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!
21. **9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE**: Tickets for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle will be available on our website shortly. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 77th National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found, when available, on our website, on the main page, and under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.
22. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG**: Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Army and the Division, sign up for our E-News bulletin and go to the Division’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
23. **82nd AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD**: Check out the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.usaa.com/82nd) . When applying online, once you are approved for a card, you will be given the



choice of adding the Airborne design. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

**24. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/> *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted.**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** President and Mrs. Copening, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish to thank all Members for their service and wish you a very Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Please continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers as our Troopers deploy to do our Nation's missions. We wish them a safe return.

Steve Copening  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
Bill Bauer  
Executive Director