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- 1. 2015 ALL AMERICAN WEEK:** After weeks of hard work, All American Week has come and gone and it was a great success! Old friends reunited and new friends were welcomed. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the week the success that it was. The weather was perfect, most of the time, and the JOAC/Review at Sicily Drop Zone was an event not to be missed and enjoyed by everyone who attended it. We will be sending out an AAR shortly to get feedback on what the members liked and how we can improve it next year. Thank you to all the Chapters and individuals that donated baskets for the auction. The turnout was great!!
- 2. COORS SPONSORSHIP:** This past All American Week a local COORS distributor, Mr, Bill Parham, generously sponsored the Association hospitality room and the Fayetteville picnic and dinner. COORS has sponsored the Convention and AAW since 1987. Please show our appreciation by purchasing and enjoying COORS products throughout the year at your Chapter events. Reach out to your local vendors.
- 3. 69th NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Registrations continue to be received for this year's National Convention in Orlando, FL. Please remind your members to mail their registration to Caroline Grimsley, 1910 E. Gachet Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813 and to reserve their room with the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orland, FL. Remember to send your Delegate hotel registrations and payments to Caroline Grimsley in Florida and Delegate forms to the National office. If you have already sent your check to the National office I will be forwarding them to Florida. Just ensure they are sent your registration forms. Hotel reservations can be made at www.paratrooperdz.com. *Be sure to make reservations by June 10 to get the Convention rates!*

Included in the Spring 2015 Paraglide, and also posted online, is the 69th Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association. The deadline for submission is 20 June 2015.

Check out *2015 82nd Airborne Div Assoc Annual Convention* facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/> for the latest schedule and updates. Also, look at our website under Events/Convention for updates.

- 4. CONVENTION DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted).
 - a. Changes to By-Laws:** Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson and are due 29 June 2015.
 - b. National Director Nominations:** *Nominations are due 1 July 2015.* Time is running out. Please get your nominations in quickly.

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

*Allen E. Schoppe

*T. Ed Herlihy

*Jose Aguayo

*Steve Jessie

Gary T. Rezabek

James O'Connor

We have only received two nominations for National Director, please submit your nominations before the deadline.

5. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:

- a. Division HQ continues to prepare for a 9 month deployment scheduled for later this summer where their mission will be to continue to train and advise the Iraqis.
- b. On May 28, 2015, COL Trevor J. Bredenkamp, commander of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, relinquished command of 1 BCT to COL Colin Tuly during a change of command ceremony.
- c. A week after the 82nd Sustainment Brigade transitioned back to the 82nd Airborne Division, COL Mark D. Collins relinquished command of the brigade to COL Gavin J. Gardner during a change of command ceremony on May 27, 2015.

Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82ND/Pages/default.aspx> to find out more about these articles and what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's facebook page

6. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** Please subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly, to find out more about what is going on within the Division. You can do this by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. You do not need to purchase anything, just open the email twice a month. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*
7. **ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** One of the biggest benefits of being a LIFE member of the Association is the availability for Members and dependents who meet the following criteria to receive scholarships:
 - a. Dependents of Association LIFE members or Former 82nd Paratroopers with 2 or less enlistments.
 - b. Former 82nd Paratroopers *must* apply within 2 years of discharge and be a LIFE member.
 - c. Must be enrolled in a Baccalaureate program at an accredited College or University.
 - d. Applications must be completed and submitted annually.

Applications and additional information are available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 29304-7482 which is also listed on the bottom of the application. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer for the Fund. Applications must be mailed and *received* no later than 1 November 2015!

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When making donations to the Education Fund, remember that the Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations should be mailed to the same address as the applications.

- 8. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
- 9. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please use the National Application forms or make sure that the information contained on your chapter's applications contain the same information. Also, please make sure that all information is included on the Application. One of the most important pieces of information needed is an email address and many applications/renewals leave that part blank. Please be sure your members include that if they have an account. Many applications are coming to National with incomplete information. This causes a delay in processing as we try to contact the applicant to get all information requested. Applications are available on our website.
- 10. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:** The deadline for membership to count toward the Chapter Convention Award is 1 June 2015. This allows National time to process membership of all Chapters and then complete the membership certificates and order the necessary awards for Convention presentation in Orlando, FL.
- 11. NEW NATIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Just a reminder that National's email addresses have changed. Please use only the following email addresses for all communication:
execdir@82assn.org Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director
execsec@82assn.org All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters
- 12. NEW ASSOCIATION FAX NUMBER:** The Association has new fax number effective immediately: 844-272-0047.
- 13. ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION AND MEMBERS DD 214:** Please continue to send your paperwork to National. Your cooperation in obtaining these records is *greatly appreciated* and will have an enormous impact on the success of the Association.
- 14. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. If every member were to donate \$10.00 to the Association, our current financial problems would be solved. Please help the Association in our time of need. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the Donate tab found on our website. Thank you for your support.
- 15. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association's Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all

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contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were be used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and will bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Orland, FL. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Abn Div Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

- 16. PARAGLIDE:** Please continue to remind your members that we are trying to issue the Paraglide in hardcopy through annual subscriptions of \$30. Subscriptions can be made online or mailed in. Copies of the subscription form were attached to the Jan-Feb 2015 bulletin and are available on our website. Subscriptions can also be purchased directly online at our website.

We are hoping for the Paraglide to provide the Association with some much needed revenues, while giving members a hardcopy of the Paraglide. We need your help to make this happen. Please support the Association, and receive the Paraglide also.

- 17. SUMMER PARAGLIDE:** The deadline for submissions to the Summer 2015 Paraglide is June 30, 2015. Please be sure to send your submissions to Holmesteads at: paraglide@holmesteads.com. All submissions should be digitized.
- 18. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the [Events](#) link.
- 53rd ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
 - SUN CITY ALL-AIRBORNE FESTIVAL VII 2015, 1-5 July 2015, is at El Paso, TX and is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson All-Airborne Chapter. POC is Treasurer Rick Trevizo 915-562-9969 bp82cmdctr@bpaac.org; the host hotel is Wyndham El Paso Airport 915-778-4241 or 800-742-7248 reservation code: 0701670382 or 82nd Airborne Division Association.
 - ANNUAL SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION, 5-7 June 2015, is at Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe 281-814-2377; the host hotel is Double Tree by Hilton Hobby Airport in Houston, TX 800-222-TREE, reservation code: ADA or 82nd Airborne Division.
- 19. 75TH ANNIVERSARY-U. S. AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** The 75th Anniversary of the United States Airborne & Special Operations will be held and celebrated on 12 August 2015 during the 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL. For more information please contact Carl Bludau-Event Executive Chairman 361-575-8492, Allen Schoppe-Project Treasurer 281-814-2377, or Ron Rath-Executive Committee 919-803-4554. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the [Events](#) link.
- 20. 1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** This year's raffle drawing will be at the Convention Dinner in August. To make this raffle as successful as possible, we need the continued support of all Association Chapters, Members and Family members. Please support National by participating in the 1st

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Annual Association 50/50 Raffle by providing your membership copies for their participation. Chapters are asked to support this annual Association revenue project by purchasing a minimum of 1 page worth of tickets in your Chapter's name. The raffle tickets are on our webpage and are attached to this bulletin. Please mail your raffle donations to the National Office at the address listed on the raffle form.

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

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

In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering wounded warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE, National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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