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- 1. 2019 CONVENTION: If you miss this one, don't say I didn't tell you! This is going to be a great event and shouldn't be missed.** The 73rd Annual Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is being hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, Operation Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73rd Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, and will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703)521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

The web link is: <https://bit.ly/2RPAa1r> The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is also available on our website under "Events". The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.

- 2. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019: All American Week 2019 was a huge success for the Association and a great time for all the Members who attended. We thank all of the Delegates who attended for their questions to the Board of Directors and we will be posting their questions, with the answers to their questions, in the meeting minutes.**

- 3. CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2019:

- a. Funding of WW II Veterans to 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy** (This project has been fully funded through Corporate Donations). This event took place from 3-10 June and was a great success. From the huge send off by the United Airlines staff, including news crews, to the return to Newark Airport where the Governor of New Jersey, and the State Police Honor Guard

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welcomed them home. Our WW II Veterans were treated like royalty, as they deserve, and they were very thankful for the opportunity. Airborne!

- b. Funding of WW II Veterans at 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC (we will need to accomplish this project through corporate and individual donations). We will not have a lot more opportunities to thank our WW II Veterans. Please help us to bring these All American Hero's to our Annual Convention honoring their 75th Anniversary of the great battles of WW II. We need your donations to make this happen. As of today we have only received one donation from any of our Members or Chapters. Please show your support for these Veterans by donating anything you can. No donation is too small. All will be helpful and greatly appreciated.
 - c. All American Adventure sent sixteen 82nd Troopers for 4-day trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment (This project event has been fully funded. All funding for this project has been achieved by donations from Corporations and other organizations). This trip took place on 21-24 June 2019, and all participants had a great experience and are very grateful to the Association for making this trip possible.
 - d. Holiday Troop Support provides 1000 meals to Troopers and their Families (will be accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
 - e. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year (will be accomplished through corporate donations).
 - f. Free tracked wheelchair for an 82nd Veteran with catastrophic injuries incurred in combat post 9/11 (this projected has been fully funded through organization donation). One of our Association Members has been selected and will receive the tracked wheelchair during our 2019 Annual Convention in Washington D.C.
 - g. This summer our Division will again be deploying Troopers to Afghanistan and the Association will be looking for ways to support them during their deployment.
4. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** As you can see the Association is working on numerous projects to better the lives of our Active Duty and Veteran Members, and our fund raising through corporate donations is going well, but we still need the support of our Local Chapters and Association Members to complete the funding on all projects and to help sponsor other projects for our Active Duty and Veteran Members. Help your Association in our efforts to continue to serve our Airborne Family by donating to the Association General Fund. Every little bit helps. We need your support for projects and to help the Association grow as we take on more projects in support of our Airborne Community. Thank you for your support.

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To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association’s Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at: P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

5. **CHAPTER DELEGATES FOR 2019 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 Convention by 26 July 2019. A sample Delegate Certification form can be found on our website: Quick Links / Forms & Resources / Chapter Continuity

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, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues to be addressed at AAW, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2019. We will include these in the Delegates’ agenda.

6. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS SAMPLE BALLOT:** In accordance with Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2020 Board of Directors will be attached on our website under the “What’s New” tab 30 days prior to the 2019 elections. Also posted on the Association website, under the “What’s New” tab, will be the 2019 National Directors Nominations.
7. **SERVICE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES:** The Association Steering Committee may meet at the Convention. The time, date and location will be determined by the Committee Chairperson noted below:

Budget & Finances – Steve Holcomb
 Corporate Contributors – Gary Lyons
 Historical – Timothy McCoy
 Public Relations – Jose Perez-Ortiz
 Awards – Ed Herlihy
 Monument Committee – Rick Dalton
 Chapter & Membership – Bill Bauer
 Website & Automation – Bill Bauer
 National Airborne Heritage Day – Gordon Sumner

Ways & Means – Gary Covey
 Internal Affairs – Laurie Clay
 By-Laws – Richard Becker
 Convention Planning – Bill Eberle
 Resolutions – Gary Covey
 Business Development – Neil Parkin
 Veteran Affairs – Laurie Clay
 Legislative LNO – Gordon Sumner

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8. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** When your Chapter elects new Officers please 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 Officer (EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES) to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. 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.
9. **2018 & 2019 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 2018 year, and a "tentative" schedule of the Chapter's meetings and activities for 2019 should have arrived at the National Headquarters by 15 March, 2019. If you have not submitted your reports please do so ASAP. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. ***These reports are not optional and are required annually to stay in compliance with the IRS.*** Thank you to those chapters who have submitted your report. If you have not, please submit it asap!
10. **2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2018 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, via the Chapter email account. ***If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.*** We have received an *extension until 15 May 2019*. If the National Office does not receive your financial report, your chapter will be responsible for filing its own tax return. To date, we have received a Financial Statement from the following chapters:

1SG Leonard Funk MOH	Acadiana	Akron
Benavidez-Patterson AA	Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI	Blue Ridge AA
Central New York	Central Ohio AA	Central Pennsylvania
Chicago	Cincinnati AA	Cohort
COL Reuben Tucker	CPL Edward Slavin	CSM Ray Verdugo
Dan Campbell AA	Don Lassen/Atlanta	Evergreen State
Gateway	GEN Ridgway	GEN Via AA Signal
Golden Gate	Greater Daytona	Greater Rochester NY AA
Hampton Roads All Services	John Steele	John Towle MOH-Cleveland
Kentucky Airborne	Lehigh Valley	Lew Millett MOH
Low Country AA	Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR	LTG James Gavin
Mid-America	New York	Niagara Frontier
North Central Florida	Northeastern Pennsylvania	North Jersey
North Texas	Oklahoma AA	Rocky Mountain

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Southern California
South Texas
Texas Lone Star
Washington DC
Badger State
Phoenix Joseph P Schwan

San Joaquin Valley
Southern Wisconsin
St. Michael's AA
Virginia State
Cal-Nevada AA
Orlando AA
Idaho AA

Southern Arizona
Southern Florida AA
Tampa Bay AA
Walter Hughes/Tri-State
Jacksonville AA
Palm Beach County
Vulcan

- 11. USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. Chapter forms do not always relay the correct information and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of January 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.
- 12. USE OF ASSOCIATION MEETINGS FOR POLITICAL STANCES:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association shall in no way use official communications of any type to relay political opinions. This includes, but is not limited to, correspondence using Association letterhead, email addresses, websites or any other social media. Members will not make any political statements while representing themselves as 82nd Airborne Division Association Members, nor shall any Association or Chapter meetings be used in any way to relay political opinions or party affiliations. Neither the Association nor any of its Chapters will discriminate against or support any organization solely on the grounds of their political standings. We are not in the business of politics and will not support any political organizations.
- 13. 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.
- 14. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Chapter Activities Report - 15 Mar 2019. (PAST DUE)
 - b. Financial reports - 10 Apr 2019. (PAST DUE – extension to 25 May 2019)
 - c. Requests for Delegates at Convention 2019 – 26 July 2019.
 - d. 82d All American of the Year - *Nominations for All American of the Year have closed as of 1 May 2019.*
 - e. National Director Nominations – *Nominations for the 2020 Board of Directors has closed as of 1 June 2019*
 - f. Convention Agenda - Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board's review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due 1 July 2019.
 - g. 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. Changes are due 1 Jul 2019.

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- h. Communication & Public Relations Award Program - Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2019* to Chairman/Past President Ed Herlihy. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Past President Herlihy.
- i. Requests for Delegates at Convention 2109 - 26 Jul 2019.

15. 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.

16. E-NEWS BULLETIN: *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association 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 information. If you don't already receive this important and informative bulletin, please send us your email address so that we can 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!

17. 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>

18. 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. 57th Annual All Ohio Days, 11-13 October 2019 in Lockburne, Ohio is hosted by the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Andrew Ritter at 937-570-5603 or Tom Simmons at 910-987-7467. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus at Sciota Downs in Lockburne, reservations 614-491-3800.
- b. Hilton Head Weekend, 19-22 October 2019 in Hilton Head, South Carolina is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/HHI All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Eberle at 843-682-4171; email - airborneben@hargray.com. The host hotel is the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. HOTEL RESERVATIONS 888-511-5086, <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>
- c. 2019 Veterans Day Activities, 9 - 11 November 2019 in Arlington, VA is hosted by the COL Reuben H Tucker Chapter, the Washington, DC Chapter and the 82nd Airborne Division

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Association. The POC is Bill Bauer 910-223-1182. The host hotel is Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. Hotel Reservations 800-325-3535 (Code ADA) or <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1559678012440&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

19. **COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.
20. **5th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 5th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73rd 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.
21. **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 everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July!

We want to thank all our Members for their service and their support in the success of their Chapters and the National Association. It will take a combined effort of us all to insure the success of our Association. Please, always remember our deployed Troopers and their Families. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they stand in harm's way to protect our Nation.

Gary Rezabek
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director

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