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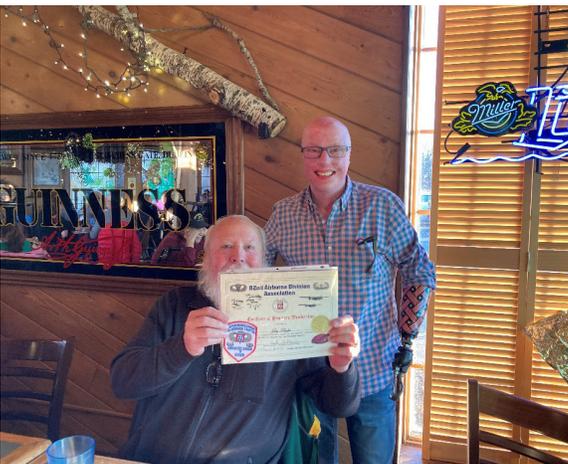
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GARY COVEY

Greetings All-Americans,

The snow has melted and Spring is nigh! At least for most of us. The onset of good weather brings thoughts of upcoming reunions and celebrations. First up, All-American Week which will be held May 20-23, 2024. It's not too late to take advantage of the reduced rates while making your registrations and hotel reservations. The Division and your Association always do a marvelous job in celebrating and honoring its veterans. Come observe the current capabilities and lethality of America's Tip of the Spear. We hope to see you there.

Our annual convention will be held August 14-17, 2024. This year we return to the beautiful Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Visit our website to register and call the Rosen Centre to make your room reservations. They offer our Association an unbelievably low room rate. Bring your families and take advantage of everything that Florida has to offer.

Please remember our members that we've lost over the last year and their families. They must never be forgotten.

Finally, we also want to insure that we keep the current soldiers of the 82 nd Airborne Division in our thoughts and prayers as they perform this Nation's missions. May they accomplish their tasks and return safely to their families.

AATW,

Gary Covey

National President

82nd Airborne Division Association

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings fellow Troopers! We hope all are enjoying the beautiful spring weather and that all are blessed. We have been quite busy here at the National Office planning and preparing to see all of you at All American Week this year. It is shaping up to be an amazing event with a few new things to look forward to. If you have not registered, you can do so here: [aaw.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://aaw.82ndairborneassociation.org)



JAMES "JIMMY" GRIMES

Please don't forget to register as a Chapter Delegate if you haven't done so. Remember that each Chapter should send at least one registered delegate, this will allow your Chapter to bring up issues and questions your Chapter may have, to inform and collaborate with other Chapter's over a myriad of topics, such as fundraising, event planning, etc. This will also allow you to bring back information from the Board of Directors to your home Chapter.

Are you ready for the 78th Annual National Convention? We will be bringing the Airborne back to Orlando this year and are very excited to seeing you all there! There will be plenty of fun-filled activities this year and coordination has been made for our members to enjoy some incredible offers on attractions that can only be found in Orlando. Please ensure to register at: [convention.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://convention.82ndairborneassociation.org)

Another new and exciting event the Association is doing this year is our Inaugural "Airborne Night Out". We will be hosting 100 active-duty Paratroopers along with our registered members at Segra Stadium in Fayetteville, NC. The Troopers will get to enjoy a social hour prior to the game including a catered dinner and drinks at the Veterans Lounge. This comes at a time of year that our Troopers have been in a rigorous training schedule and will undoubtedly enjoy a night of rest and relaxation.

Lastly, It has been such a wonderful and humbling experience working for OUR association these past few months and I am truly looking forward to many more! It is truly inspiring to see all the great things that our Chapters and phenomenal members bring to our communities. I challenge all of you to continue these great efforts and seek out more. Remember, that we are here to assist all of you, so please reach out early and often. AATW!!

ISG (R) James Grimes

Executive Director

82nd Airborne Division Association

# 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

78th Annual Convention.....	28
Orlando, FL	August 14-17, 2024
All-American Week.....	30
Fort Bragg, NC	May 20-23, 2024

Future Association Regional Chapter Events, 2-days or longer, need to be coordinated with the Association Headquarters, and an Event REGISTRATION page is required, prior to being entered and announced on the ASSOCIATION CALENDAR.



# SUMMER DEADLINE

The Deadline for the Paraglide is:

## JUNE 30, 2024

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## LET'S WALK IT OUT 222 CAMPAIGN 2024

In an effort to continuously live up to our Airborne spirit the Association recently partnered with another non-profit called "Lets Walk It Out 222". This is a great event that involves a 222-mile ruck march from Fort Liberty, NC to Camp Lejeune, NC and back! The purpose of this event is to raise funds that go to support veteran suicide awareness and prevention programs. Our association not only sponsored this great event, but we also participated by completing a 24-mile leg of the event. We were fortunate enough to be joined by several active duty Paratroopers that used 10 days of their precious leave to complete the ruck in its entirety. All together this was a great event for a great cause and we look forward to partnering with them again next year!



# LET'S WALK IT OUT 222 CAMPAIGN 2024





**The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial**  
Washington D.C.  
[www.ndswm.org](http://www.ndswm.org)

**The Liberation of Kuwait**

In 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within 24 hours, Iraq's military occupied its southern neighbor and controlled nearly 30% of the world's oil supply. Iraq's brutal dictator then set his eyes on Saudi Arabia.

On January 17, 1991, the United States led coalition forces in the liberation of Kuwait, a campaign known as Operation Desert Storm. Roughly 600,000 American troops were deployed in support both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; nearly 400 died.

**The Memorial**

Today, the United States lacks a national memorial dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of its Armed Forces who honorably fought in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association's goal is for completion of the Memorial to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, in 2021.

**Memorial Timeline**

In 2014, the United States House of Representatives unanimously authorized construction of a Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial by a vote of 370-0.

In 2014, President Obama signed the law authorizing a National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 2017, President Trump signed a bill into law authorizing a memorial to be built near the National Mall in Washington, D.C at an Area-I location.

In 2018, a site for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial was approved.

**Location**

The Memorial will fall within the shadow of both the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, abutting the National Mall. The Memorial's site is at the southwest corner of Constitution Avenue and 23rd Street Northwest, Washington, D.C.

**Financial Position**

The Memorial's estimated cost is \$40 million. Current law stipulates that before groundbreaking can commence 110% of the projected budget must be raised. All efforts are backed exclusively by private sources. The law authorizing construction of the memorial prohibits the use of any federal funds to establish this commemorative work.

As of 31 Dec 2019, the NDSWM has raised \$9.0 million of the \$40 million-dollar goal: \$5.85 million relates to the memorial site award and \$3.15 million has been donated by individuals, businesses, foreign governments, and Veteran Service Organizations.

**NATIONAL  
DESERT STORM  
AND  
DESERT SHIELD  
MEMORIAL**





# VETERAN CHAPTER NEWS

This section reflects the backbone of the Association - the Chapters and what you are doing month in and month out to enhance the Airborne spirit across America. When writing for this section, we ask that you keep in mind the following tips.  
**Issue date:** The dates are the 30th of January, April, July and October. Please write as if the event is taking place before those dates.

**Captions:** Include information for every photo so everyone will know who's who.

**Send to Executive Director:** Please send all TAPS, changes of address and new Chapter Officers so that the Association's records may be accurately maintained.

**Space:** The general rule for space is that each Chapter is allotted 1 page and we use everyone's submissions. However, cuts must sometimes be made in the interest of space and overall page count.

## CENTRAL OHIO ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



A hardy AIRBORNE from Central Ohio. We hope Winter is winding down in your area and you are all safe and sound.

We had a great turnout for our annual Christmas Party and meeting in December. We conducted a lot of business to finish out 2023 and prepare 2024. We collected items for the MASH pantry and donated an additional \$100 to them. We chose Motts Military Museum as our 2023 Charity selection and collected \$265 for them. The Chapter marched that amount so we ended up donating \$530 dollars to them. The Chapter held Officer Elections and there were a few changes: Steve Holcomb is Chairman and Secretary, Thomas Simons, Jr. is Vice Chairman and Chaplain, and Bill Waldron is Treasurer.

Chapter Chairman Steve Holcomb administers the Oath of Office to Treasurer Bill Waldron and Vice Chairman Tom Simons, Jr.

Until next time, AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!



Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter members and family at our Christmas Party.

# GEN. DENNIS L. VIA ALL-AIRBORNE SIGNAL CHAPTER

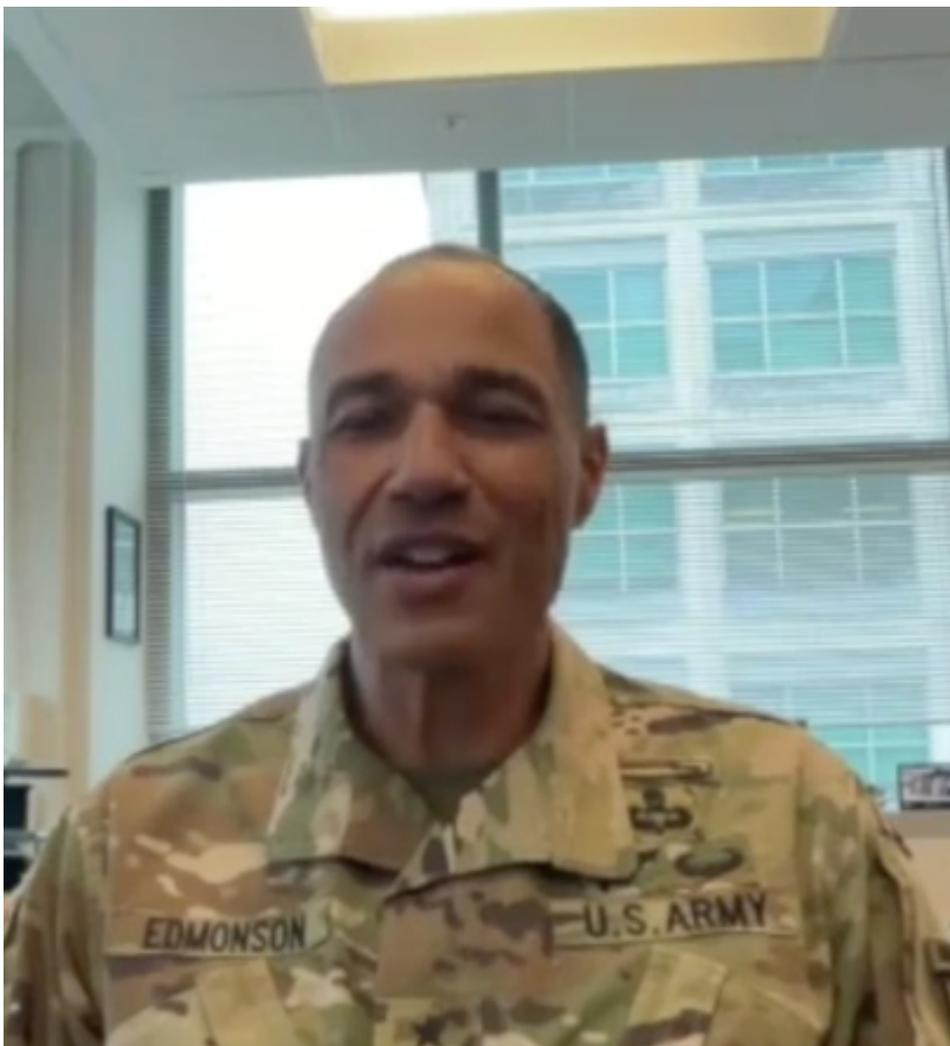
The General Dennis L. Via All-Airborne Signal Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association continues its scholarship program. We are currently accepting application packets through 15 June 2024.

We encourage all Chapter members to share this information and encourage all eligible family members to apply! Each scholarship awarded will be for \$500.00. Eligible applicants are dependent members of an annual or lifetime chapter member seeking an associate or bachelor's degree. Additionally, the chapter offers the opportunity to apply for a special grant of \$500 to actively enrolled students pursuing Vocational Training. The chapter will award only one special Votech grant. Winners will be announced over the weekend of the 4th of July. More information is available at <https://www.airbornesignal.com/services-4>.

The Chapter YouTube channel, "The Commander's Voice", is conducting interviews with prominent Signal Corps General Officers in 2024. We recently concluded an interview with Major General Robert Edmonson, Commanding General of US Army Communications-Electronics Command. We will bring viewers interviews with Lieutenant General (Ret) Bruce Crawford and 82nd Airborne Division Hall of Fame inductee General (Ret) Dennis L. Via. You can view the channel by searching "The Commander's Voice" on YouTube.

As All American Week approaches, the airborne communicators are planning a golf scramble, chapter social, and collaborating with our 82nd Airborne Division Counterparts for various awesome activities. We look forward to seeing our comrades at Fort Liberty this May.

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MG Edmonson speaking with "The Commander's Voice".



Lieutenant General (Ret) Bruce Crawford



General (Ret) Dennis L. Via

# GENERAL M.B. RIDGWAY ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



We at the Ridgway Chapter recently lost a very dear Member of Our Ladies Auxiliary , Carol Lee, Wife of Dan Lee. Carol Passed on Monday 26 February . Carol was the driving force behind the Ridgway Chapter, She kept the Men in Line. We will Never Forget Carol's contributions to the General Ridgway Chapter, We all Loved Her Very Much.

The Chapter has been getting involved in several "Extracurricular Activities" such as out door range outings and presentations to various JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) at Local High Schools, And Even Trips to a Veteran Friendly Forge. At Warrior Way Forge we learned to turn a chunk of steel into a Knife. It was a great learning experience , and we encourage anyone in the Northwest part of Ohio to contact Warrior Way Forge, to schedule a date to learn to make a blade.

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY



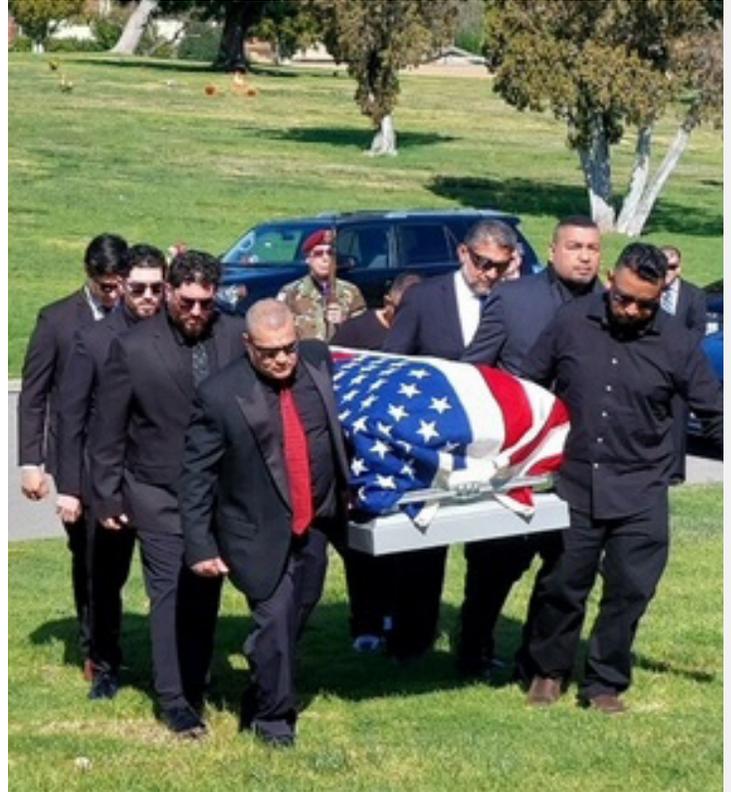
## LEW MILLET MEMORIAL MOH ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

Greetings from the Members of the Lew Millett Memorial Medal of Honor Chapter. We have stayed busy supporting the Veteran Community with Color Guards and Funerals.

As we head into Spring our Chapter will be participating in the annual JROTC awards ceremony at five local High Schools.



The Rifle Team Prepares to send the three volleys.



Chapter members escort the Casket Graveside

## NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

Getting ready to plan our upcoming warm weather events.

We have been experiencing a lot of rainy weather lately, so hopefully it is in the rear window.

All American Week is coming fast, so our members are busy planning for the annual trip to Ft Bragg (Liberty).

It is also not too early to plan for travel to Florida for the Convention. The Convention should be well attended because of this years location in the Sunshine State. We also have been discussing the location of our family picnic. It looks like we will be scouting out a new location for this year's event.

So as you can imagine, we will be very busy on the planning of the upcoming summer events.

On a more somber topic, the war in the Ukraine is still dragging on with the continuing loss of life. Add to that the serious situation going on in the Gaza Strip area, and the upcoming contentious Presidential Election and you can realize the effect they are having on the 82ND's readiness.

I'm am sure the safety of our troops is on everyone's mind.

Hopefully these potential problems work will come a satisfactory end. In closing, our Chapter wishes all all a warm and pleasant spring season.

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER

At the March meeting, Chairman Tony Alger congratulating Gary Blasczienski on becoming the Vice Chairman of the Chapter. Airborne!

Our Chapter participated in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Villages, FL. We had 5 golf carts with Airborne Flags displayed proudly. As we entered the route of the parade, our Airborne flags fluttered proudly and you could hear chants of Airborne! and All the Way! echoing through the parade route.



Pictured L to R: Chris Adams, Tony Alger, Robert Hedberg, Mark Mayer, Leo McInnis, Adrian Stocker and Rich Becker.

# NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER



Our Annual Airborne Picnic had a good turnout. It was an afternoon of great food and socializing. There were plenty of family members at the picnic and everybody enjoyed themselves. We had the best Airborne Cheese Cake at the picnic.

Gary Blasczienski, Vice Chairman, presented JROTC Cadet Camila Castro of West Port High School, Ocala, Florida with our 82nd Airborne Certificate of Achievement and Medal at their annual awards ceremony. Congratulations Cadet Camila Castro.

# NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



2024 Officers (left to right): SFC(R) Dana Troyer, CSM(R) David Gonzales, Rich Sammons, SFC(R) Nelson Martinez, Rudy Chavez, Chris Adams, Pete Dominquez. Not pictured: Mike Edwards, Jim Neuman



We are proud to announce Rich Sammons as our Trooper of the Quarter. Rich enlisted in Fort Worth in 1981 as a Missile Systems Repairman. He served two tours in Germany and one tour at Fort Hood before being selected as a Warrant Officer in 1986. While serving in the 82nd ABN DIV, Rich deployed to Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm and was qualified as a Master Parachutist. Rich is a key active member of the chapter and can always be counted on to be involved in chapter activities.



# NORTH TEXAS ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

The North Texas "All-Airborne" Chapter has been engaged with various events across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. In March, the chapter held its annual chapter potluck posthumously named in honor of Cliff Stump. Despite the arrival of rainy weather, the chapter had a great attendance and a good time was had by all.



The chapter presented American Legion Post 379 of Bedford, Texas a check for \$200 in support of the front signage upgrade. The chapter has been fortunate to have the use of the post for meetings and chapter activities. Both agencies work closely to support veterans and their families throughout the Dallas- Fort Worth Metroplex.

Chairman Dana Troyer presenting ALP 379 Commander Rich Wiltshire a check.

# PVT JOHN TOWLE CLEVELAND/AKRON CHAPTER

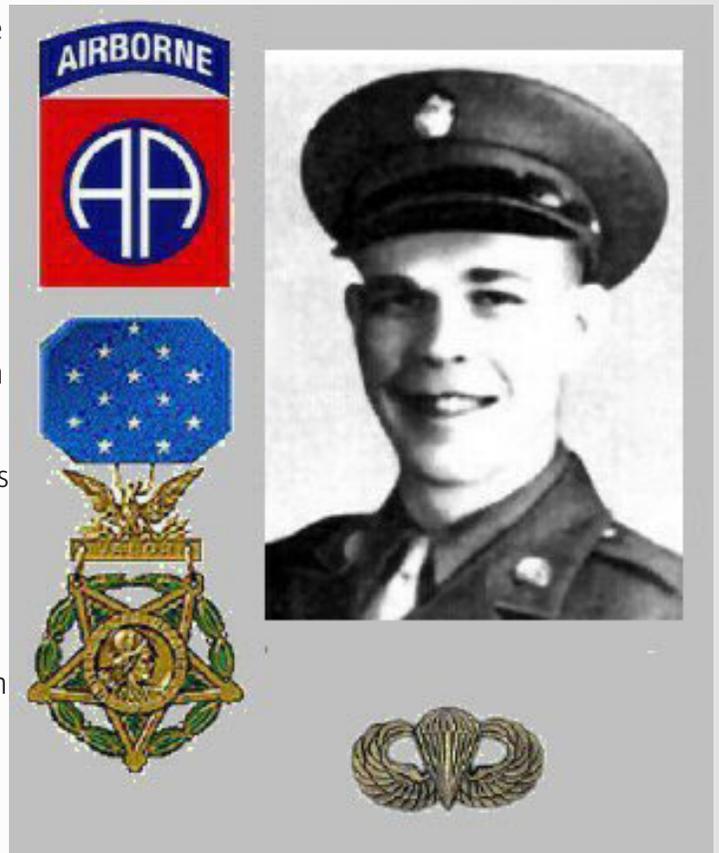
We are excited to announce that our chapter will be hosting the ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS. It will be held in Strongsville Ohio on 17- 19 October 2024. This location is very close to both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. We will have a hospitality room starting on Thursday and will finish with a banquet on Saturday night

On the Saturday 19 October during our reunion we will honor and remember Pvt John Towle a Cleveland native that received the Medal of Honor for his heroic action during Operation Market Garden. There will be a ceremony at Pvt Towle's graveside in Cleveland on Saturday morning.

Our Color Guard will be at Summit Norwalk Race way again this year for their opening ceremonies' for the NHRA Nationals. We also have some local parades to marsh in.

Finally Dee and I were able to attend a comedy event locally in Mansfield OHIO. An 82nd Airborne Trooper was competing in it. His name is SSG-R Bobby Henline. Bobby was wounded when his Humvee was hit by an IED. I am happy to say Bobby won both nights and will go on to compete in Las Vegas.

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# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER



We held another great St. Patrick's Day Fund Raiser Dance last Saturday night! We had a new band who donated their time and talent to make this happen. "Yesterday's Children", a ten piece band was able to get on the stage at The Parkway Chateau (next to the Brat Stop), and provide us with a fuller sound as they also had a four piece brass section. This allowed them to play tunes from Blood Sweat and Tears, Chicago and (thank God!), the Beatles!!



We had two honored guests this year, SFC Mike Schlitz and Captain Jason Church. SFC. Michael Schlitz, Airborne Ranger who was severely injured in Iraq in 2007 when his vehicle hit an IED. Three of his buddies died and Michael was burned over 85% of his body, lost vision in one eye and lost both hands. The Chapter was fortunate that Mike came in early as we were able to take him to dinner where we could sit and talk for a while. Normally we are too busy at the dance to really get to know our guests. We also used the dinner to present a Marine Corps Veteran, Jim Rosko with a certificate of Honorary Chapter Membership. Jim has been the organizing force behind the motorcycle escort for our wounded warrior at our annual car shows. Normally, the motorcycle Motorcade was made up of only veterans, but so many other motorcyclists wanted to join in that it is a real eye catch from the hotel to the show.



Mike is a real force of nature! We had a great time Friday night and he gave an outstanding talk at the dance not only

# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

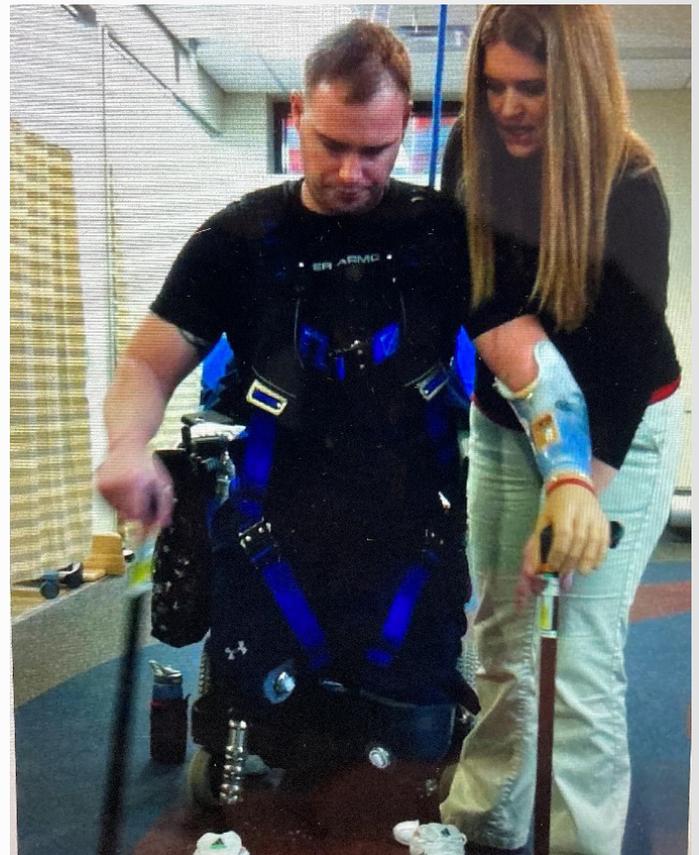
outlining his road to recovery, but also thanking the Vietnam Era Veterans who paved the way in both Washington D.C. and the VA. Without them fighting so many battles in both places, he feels that he would not have been as well cared for when he returned. I was grateful that he also took the time to acknowledge the wives and family members of that entire serve, whom we know we cannot do without.



I presented Mike with a check from our chapter along with a signed Green Bay Packers Football to take home with him. Naturally I made him do a little work while he was there; he judged the best dressed contest for us, with the winner receiving a basket of Italian goods from Tentuta's Delicatessen. While Mike was all over the room, he took time out to compete in our dance competition. While he and his partner actually won the competition, the prize was a booze basket of best bourbon. Mike was flying out the following day to meet with other organizations and politicians in Washington D.C. in the morning. Knowing this, I pulled rank and had the judges select the next best dancer's for the prize.

Our next guest was Captain Jason Church who lost both his legs to an IED in Afghanistan. Jason was just planning to come down from Milwaukee with his wife to meet Mike, but the Chapter presented him with a check as well. Jason also told us of his experiences in Afghanistan and at Walter Reed. Both veterans' had nothing but praise for the medical professionals working at Walter Reed.

In addition to these two Wounded Warrior's, we also were blessed to have with us Chapter member Dan Boring who lives in Georgia, but is constantly flying across the country visiting his friends and family. Through these flights he comes in contact with other wounded warriors that he puts in contact with us. One of these is Master Sgt. Joseph Deslauriers he was in the Air Force. He was injured on Sep.27, 2011 in Afghanistan, one of his four combat tours; his MOS was an EOD technician with Battalion 1st. Special Operations Civil Engineer Squadron. While on patrol he stepped on an IED losing both legs above the knee and left arm



# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER

## Master Sergeant Joseph Deslauriers United States Air Force



at the elbow. Sgt. Deslauriers was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Silver Star. His story is amazing and I will post it separate. He served two tours in Afghanistan, served in served in Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo.

I also want to acknowledge a former cadet, now active serving Major Matt Mayor who flew in from Fort Bliss to attend the dance. Matt is a veteran of Afghanistan and former member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He brought with him former cadets and a current ROTC member to enjoy the dance.

With our first fund raiser in the bag, we have already started the planning for our annual pig roast and car show. Make sure that if you are in our area, you stop by and enjoy yourselves!



## WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE

The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior fund, based with the 82nd Airborne Division Association, continues to extend assistance to paratroopers and their families as listed per our bylaws

Significantly we provide assistance to Troopers that sustained combat related injuries but the fund has grown to address and assist Troopers that have sustained injury during training like the 1994 Green Ramp disaster. We offer assistance to our gold star families and we are proud to announce that at this year's annual convention in Orlando we will be sponsoring four Troopers injured on that tragic day at Pope Air Force Base. Additionally we will host a gold star wife and son and a further seven Wounded Warriors from our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

We want to highlight another guest ...Robert Bobby Henline, Staff Sergeant-retired, 82nd Airborne Division He was well on his third tour in Iraq when Bobby's Humvee was struck by an IED. Of the five Troopers Bobby was the only Survivor. The Purple Heart recipient turned to humor as a part of his resiliency and healing and has become a naturally known talent. We had the greatest pleasure of seeing him not only compete but win a comedic competition in Mansfield Ohio.

The fund's committee members continue to seek out those we can assist and different venues that can provide our wounded brethren with exciting opportunities to experience camaraderie stress free events.

We are pleased to announce the Mid-Ohio race track has invited our Wounded Warriors and gold star families to experience racing at over 120 miles an hour. We anticipate to finalize the debate soon so look for more information for an October date.

Our injured Warriors and Gold Star families did not anticipate to be members of their unique populations. The cost of this membership is the price of an unimaginable sacrifice to all - and they will not be forgotten.

Our Troopers and Gold Star family members have been assisted with travel, education and housing needs. Over 40 Wounded Warriors/ Gold Star family member with their family members have attended our National Convention and All American Week. We have assisted chapters with Gold Star Family dinners, and with retreat centers that have given a vacation break to our Troopers.

Do you have a skill or just have of passion for our Warriors - we encourage you to attend one of our meetings, your volunteerism can and will make a difference

I want to THANK all our you for your continued support. If we can help feel free to contact us.

Maggie Peppers WWF Secretary/ Gary Rezabek WWF President



# WOUNDED WARRIOR COMMITTEE



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We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations that have donated to the Association during the last quarter. Your generosity allows us to continue our Mission and fund Programs that benefit our Active Duty Troopers and to continue to find new programs. We could not do this without your generosity and support. Thank you. Airborne!

DONOR		AMOUNT
Cumberland Community Foundation Giving Tuesday		\$8,116.44
Walmart Laurinburg	Holiday Troop Support	\$1,000.00
Bell Trexton		\$1,000.00
Paula Ontiveros	In memory of Regino Valle	\$100.00
Kentucky All-Airborne Chapter		\$500.00
Phillip Buck		\$50.00
Joshua Schnelle		\$500.00
Christopher Prunty		\$86.36
Sean Ellis		\$82.00
Make My Donation, INC.		\$89.00
Patrick Crouse		\$80.00
Matthew Grant		\$50.00
Jeffery Gluck		\$18.82
Mark Empey		\$50.00
Robert Whitaker		\$500.00
West Virginia All Airborne Chapter		\$50.00
Publishing Concept, LP.		\$4,000.00
82nd Airborne Wounded Warrior Fund		\$1,000.00
Octavio Ortiz		\$25.00
William Little		\$25.00
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John Schafer		\$30.00
Walter Garrison		\$25.00
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Stephen Brown		\$16.07
Don Bailey		\$30.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

\$500 - Full Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$250 - Half Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$125 - Quarter Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$50 - BusinessCard/Color/4 Issues

\$150 - Facebook & Website Advertising/Monthly

Ads & Artwork must be camera ready.

For more information please contact the National Headquarters at (910) 223-1182, or via email at [execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org). An invoice will be issued once the ad is approved. ATW!



I (WE) \_\_\_\_\_, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE 82ND ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND.

\_\_\_\_ PLEASE RECORD MY NAME IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PARAGLIDE.

\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ I WISH FOR MY DONATION TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. AND MAIL TO:

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ATTN: BILL BAUER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
P.O. BOX 87482  
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28304-7482

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC. ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AT THIS TIME. FUNDS WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS AND THE PUBLISHING OF THE PARAGLIDE.

We are happy to report that the 82nd Airborne Division Association has received our 501(c)3 Non-Profit Status approval letter. We are currently working to secure the 501(c)3 status for each of our Chartered Chapters and will announce when we have resolution on our request. A copy of our 501(c)3 letter is located on our website at: [http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1.-501\(c\)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/1.-501(c)3-tax-exempt-letter-23jul2019.pdf)

# ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2024

## May 20-23, 2024

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us as we celebrate All American Week with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

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Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall).

IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn – Moon Hall) - The Registered Member room rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (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) [lhgarmyhotels.com](http://lhgarmyhotels.com)**

**Group code: AAW**

*If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not be eligible for the discounted hotel group rates, nor be able to use our block of rooms!*

There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

**Registration is \$155.** REGISTRATIONS MUST be received by 5 May 2024.

After 5 May 2023, late registration increases to \$180 per person.

Registration can be mailed in or you can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

The Association Dinner Social will be on Thursday, 23 May, at the Iron Mike Conference Center.

The Fayetteville Chapter Picnic Lunch is scheduled for Monday, 20 May and will be held at the Fayetteville Chapter Clubhouse (transportation will be provided to/from the Clubhouse for the Picnic Lunch).

The Fayetteville Chapter is also hosting a Southern BBQ Dinner on Wednesday, 22 May and it will be held at Moon Hall.

The meals for these events, and drinks and snacks in the hospitality room, are included in the registration fee.

Check in and registration packets will be available at the Association Registration Desk located in Moon Hall.

Golf Scramble information will be put out shortly.



82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
 78<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
 14 - 17 AUGUST 2024

(Please print legibly)



Convention Registration  
QR Code

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE/GUEST 1 \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOC Member # \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST 2 \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any dietary restrictions / handicap needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$195.00 per person (Includes Hospitality Room, and Memorial Dinner and Banquet\*)

# \_\_\_\_\_ attending x \$195 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # Challenge Coins \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please register early as registration goes up to \$225 after 7/25/2024

Please make checks/money orders payable to 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. Mail to PO BOX 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or register online at:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>

PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY AT

**THE ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL**

9840 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE  
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
 800-204-7234

(reference 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN Division Association), scan the Hotel QR code or online at:

[82nd Airborne Div. Assoc, Annual Convention 2024 Online Hotel Booking Link](#)

Deluxe guest rooms, \$94 per room night, plus tax. The hotel reservations cutoff date is July 10, 2024. Starting July 11, the room rate goes up to \$106 (plus tax), so book early! This rate will be applied only to those who are registered for the Convention. Rooms are limited so book now! In addition, a 15% discount on select on-site restaurants will be available to registered members.



Hotel Reservation  
QR Code

We look forward to seeing you at the 78<sup>th</sup> National Convention!

\*Memorial Dinner – Coat and Tie/Cocktail Dress      \*Banquet – Coat and Tie/Evening Attire



# 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION 78TH NATIONAL CONVENTION August 14-17, 2024 Orlando, Florida



Convention Registration  
QR Code

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association President and Board of Directors cordially invite all Association Members to join us in Orlando, FL for the Association's 78<sup>th</sup> National Convention. Registration for the Convention is \$195 per attendee. This covers food, snacks, and drinks, in the hospitality room, plus 2 formal dinners\*, a true bargain. Please register early as the registration fee will increase to \$225 per person after July 25, 2024.

Upon arrival at the hotel, please be sure to check in at the Association registration desk for your welcome packet. Signs will be posted for the location of our registration desk in the hotel.

You can register online at <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or you can mail in your registration to:

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association  
PO Box 87482  
Fayetteville, NC 28304



Hotel reservations have been arranged for registered Association members at The Rosen Centre for ONLY \$94 per room night (plus tax), and this is extended 3 days prior and 3 days after the convention to enable you to make this not only a great convention but also a fantastic vacation opportunity. Please note that the hotel reservations cut off date is July 10, 2024. (Starting July 11, the room rate goes up to \$106 (plus tax), so book early!

Room is limited, so book NOW!



In addition to the fantastic room rate, a 15% discount on select on-site restaurants will be available to members registered for the Convention. Also, if you have handicap plates, valet parking will be provided free to our registered members.

Hotel Reservations need to be made directly with the hotel:

**THE ROSEN CENTRE**  
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL  
800-204-7234  
(reference 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association)

Hotel Reservation QR Code



Or go directly to their website and book your room at:  
[82nd Airborne Div. Assoc. Annual Convention 2024 Online Hotel Booking Link](#) or  
scan the QR Code

REMEMBER, an adult must be registered for the convention to receive the Association group rate at check out. Come to the 78th Annual Convention and stay a few extra days to enjoy comradery and family fun in the sun at Theme Parks, Dining, Music, and Shopping or just stay in the pool!

*We will be adding a link in the coming days on our website for Visit Orlando. Through Visit Orlando, discounts will be available to our registered members for select restaurants, theme parks and events in the Orlando area! Be sure to check back at our website periodically!*

\*Memorial Dinner – Coat and Tie/Cocktail

\*Banquet – Coat and Tie/Evening Attire



**82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
77<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION Orlando, FL  
14-17 August 2024**



**Convention Book Ad Specifications and Rates**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. is an IRS 501(c)3, a non-profit organization.

**AD prices increase on 15JUN2024 please see below**

				<p align="center"><b>ACCEPTABLE FORMATS:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Printed Copy</b> <b>Adobe PDF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High JPG compression. Down sampled to 300dpi</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Photoshop:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Layered and flattened version</li> <li>- 100% or greater, no files smaller than 150 dpi size</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>SPECIFICATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black and white/color, no bleeds</li> <li>- 1/2" margin on all sides (except business cards)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Full Page</b> 8.5"w x 11"h Live Area: 7.5"w x 10"h</p>	<p><b>Half Page</b> 8.5"w x 5.5"h Live Area: 7.5"w x 4.5"h</p>	<p><b>1/4 Page</b> 4.25"w x 11"h Live Area: 3.75"w x 5"h</p>	<p><b>Business Card</b> 3.5"h x 2"h Live Area: 2" x 3"</p>	

**Please check space desired for your ad:**

- Full Page** - \$350.00 until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$400.00
- Half Page** - \$200.00 until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$250.00
- 1/4 page** - \$150.00 until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$200.00
- Business Card** - \$75.00 until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$125.00
- Inside Cover** - \$500.00 until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$600.00 (*please contact for availability*)
- Centerfold** - \$500.00 each side or \$900.00 for both pages until 6/15/2023 then increases to \$600.00 each side or \$1,000.00 for both pages respectfully (*please contact for availability*)

I (we) hereby authorize insertion of our advertisement, per the attached copy, in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Book, for which I (we) agree to pay in advance the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **Deadline for submission is 05 JULY 2024.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks or money orders payable to 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association and mail to:

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association  
PO Box 87482  
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Or you can submit your ads and send payment online at the following link:

<http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/convention.html>

Any questions, please call 910-223-1182

**PLEASE ATTACHED PRINTED COPY, FILES or BUSINESS CARD, AND PAYMENT  
WHEN SUBMITTING BY MAIL.**



**82nd Airborne Division Association**  
 PO Box 87482  
 Fayetteville, NC 28304  
 910/223-1182  
 admin@82ndAirborneAssociation.org



## Convention

### PRINTABLE VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

#### VENDOR INFORMATION

COMPANY / FIRM NAME  
 (as shown on Federal Tax Return) \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE NAME  
 if applicable / (doing business as) \_\_\_\_\_

POINT OF CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ VENDOR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

TAX EXEMPT? Y or N

#### BOOTH INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) FOR SALE \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT PAYMENT METHODS WILL YOU ACCEPT \_\_\_\_\_

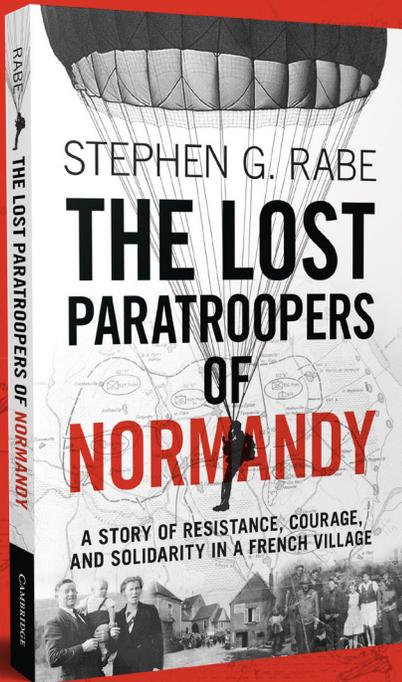
WILL YOU NEED ELECTRICITY IF AVAILABLE  
 (FIRST COME FIRST SERVED) \_\_\_\_\_

TABLE COST IS \$150 PER TABLE. HOW MANY WILL YOU BE REQUESTING?	_____	X \$150.00	TOTAL AMOUNT	_____
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Must also provide an item or items that  
 exceed in value of \$150.00 for the auction,  
 to participate.

Please list the item or items that you  
 will donate for the auction \_\_\_\_\_

*Subject to available space. First come, first served.  
 Funds will be returned if there is no more space.*



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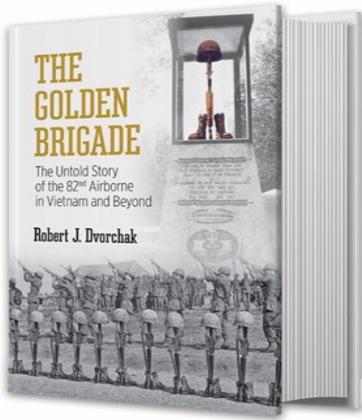
## 82ND ASSOCIATION LEGACY

As the Association moves forward in to the 21st Century, many supportive members will make their last jump! The number of members that have supported our Association over the years numbers in the hundreds of thousands.

The Association was founded in 1944 by WWII Paratroopers and Glidermen. Their vision was to establish a fraternity that would foster Airborne camaraderie for life. Several years later the 82nd Association almost collapsed. In the late 1940's the Association was reinvigorated by Association Veterans and the rest is history. They made some hard decisions and recommitted themselves, setting the standard that has continued for over 68 years.

Through the years many Association changes have occurred. This past year, yet another chapter was written in our Association's history. An Association LIFE member and benefactor has made a commitment to the 82nd Airborne Division Association and will bequeath a sum of money on his final jump!

Contributor	Legacy Donation	Contributor	Legacy Donation
Steven P. Copening	\$5,000.00	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____



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## **Special 1st Run Offer**

This book will list in bookstores for \$35.00 + tax. You can now purchase yours **including shipping and handling delivered** to your doorstep.

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**Bdvorchak@msn.com.    (call over 5 books)**

**Questions: Golden Brigade Chapter 804-338-8222**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ #copies x \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Fund Contributions

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund since last publication of the Paraglide. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

### It's CFC Season!



Look for the Educational Fund in your CFC Brochure, the Fund is listed with the:  
*Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service Organizations of America.*  
**CODE NUMBER: 11449**  
 82nd Airborne Division Educational Fund

CONTRIBUTOR	NOTES	AMOUNT
New York Greater Rochester	In memory of Olger Sniedze	\$525
Kentucky All Airborne Chapter		\$500
James Grimes	In memory of Ray Wallace	\$50
Darren Fentress	ISG Leonard A. Funk MOH	\$75

A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), and other work place campaigns by direct donation or payroll deduction. Your contributions have enabled the Fund to increase the number of scholarship grants awarded. Federal statute prohibits CFC's from providing the dollar amount of individual's donations. The only information the Fund receives is a list of names and addresses, in order that acknowledgments may be sent. Thanks again—You have made a difference!

### Scholarship Application for the School Year 2023-2024 Deadline:

***OCTOBER 15, 2024***

Applications and criteria for the 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund are available from your chapter. All dependent children of paid for life 82nd Association members and former troopers who received an honorable discharge within the last two years and are paid for life All American Members are eligible to apply. Former troopers may now receive the grant for four years. Completed applications **MUST** be sent to the address below and postmarked no later than ***October 15, 2024***. Applications may not be sent by UPS or FedEx. Be sure to complete all parts of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Students must be enrolled in twelve hours and working towards a degree; awarded grant money is mailed to the college before the spring semester.

82nd Airborne Division Association, Educational Fund  
 PO Box 87482, Fayetteville  
 NC 28304-7482

For more information, contact your Chapter Chairman or Secretary.

Donations may be sent to the address above or online at

[www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/education-fund.html)

Please return completed application and payment to:

82nd Airborne Division Association  
PO Box 87482  
Fayetteville, NC 28304



All applications must include verification of eligibility paperwork. Must show honorable discharge, airborne qualification or proof of assignment or attachment to the 82nd Airborne Division. Please see information sheet for acceptable documentation.

Membership Application, payment and update can also be processed online at [www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org) under the Membership link or use the QR Code



## 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All fields must be filled in and please print legibly!

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (No email address will restrict your access to information.)

Chapter Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

SSN (last four only)/ASN \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**  Annual Membership (\$35.00) or  All American Member \$350.

Transfer Chapter  Update Information

Current Member Replacement Card (\$5.00)  Replacement Certificate for Current All American Members (\$10.00)

**I would like to donate:**  \$10.00  \$25.00  \$50.00  \$100  other amount - to the General Fund to benefit the Association's Programs

**SERVICE INFORMATION:**

Current Status:  Retired Military/Veteran  Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard  Rank \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Time in Service: Entered Service (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ ETS Date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*\***

List AIRBORNE Unit(s) and Combat tours (Most recent first.) Please use the back if more space is needed.

Unit 1 \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Unit 2 \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour/Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour/Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_ from month/yr \_\_\_\_\_ to month/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Effective April 2023



**MILITARY MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION/UPDATE  
82<sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*Please print legibly!*

**Membership/Updates can also be processed online  
with the QR Code or online at  
[www.82ndairborneassociation.org](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org) under the  
Membership link.**



FORMAL NAME (No Nicknames): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (HOME OF RECORD):

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN (LAST 4 Only): \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CIVILIAN EMAIL ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS FOR THOSE <i>CURRENTLY</i> SERVING IN OR ATTACHED TO THE 82 <sup>nd</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION	
____ <b>FIRST YEAR NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS FREE</b>	____ ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP (except for First Year) - \$8.20
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-1 to E-4 - \$82.00	____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-5 to E-7 / W-1, W-2 / O-1 to O-3 - \$150.00
____ ALL AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up \$350.00	

**LIST AIRBORNE UNIT(S)**

CURRENT UNIT : \_\_\_\_\_ FROM MO/YR: \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Tour Location: \_\_\_\_\_ FROM MO/YR \_\_\_\_\_ TO MO/YR: \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon ETS, please specify an affiliate Chapter you would like to transfer your membership to:* \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Chapters can be found at the following link: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/chapter-locator.html> or use the above QR Code. Affiliate Chapter may contact you only to inform you of local events.

**BENEFITS:** You have joined a Fraternity of Airborne Troopers (Paratroopers and Glidermen) that became the Charter members during WWII. Their legacy has proudly continued through the years by Paratroopers that now exceed 34,000 members in the largest and only Charter Airborne Association in the world. Additional benefits can be found on our website.

**LIFE MEMBERS:** Receive a membership card and Certificate, are eligible to attend the August National Convention for life and are eligible for dependent children to receive College Scholarship Grants for up to 4 years.

**ANNUAL MEMBERS:** Receive a card that will expire one year from date of issue and are eligible to attend the August National Convention.

(Military Member Application - 4/2023)



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Effective 1 July 2023)

1st Brigade Combat Team, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association Incorporated



1st BCT/504th PIR Association Membership Dues	Annual	Lifetime
Veteran Member (Lifetime Member)	\$15.00	\$90.00
Active Duty - 1st BCT/504th PIR	\$5.04	\$50.40
Annual Associate Membership (Not Assigned or Attached to 504 PIR, but Airborne)	\$15.00	
Prop Blast Subscription (Mailed copy is not included with membership)	\$8.50	
82nd Airborne Division Association	Annual	All American
Veteran or Active Duty (Not Assigned/Attached to 82nd) Membership	\$35.00	\$350.00
Active Duty - First Year New Annual Membership	FREE	
Active Duty E-1 to E4	\$35.00	\$82.00
Active Duty E-5 to E-7, W-1, W-2 and O-1 to O-3	\$35.00	\$150.00
Active Duty E-8 and E-9, W-3 and O-4 and up	\$35.00	\$350.00

Current 82nd Airborne Division Association Card # \_\_\_\_\_ 82nd Association Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Assigned/Attached to the 1st BCT/504th PIR  
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Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
 (last 4 only)

Current Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Single  Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment Enclosed 504 PIR Assn. Annual Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check/money order payable to the **1st BCT/504th PIR Association, Inc.** and mail to:  
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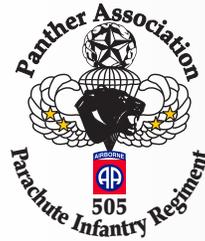
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Golden Brigade

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505th Parachute Infantry Regiment  
555th Parachute Infantry Battalion  
Any Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry

505th Regimental Combat Team  
505th Airborne Infantry Regiment  
Golden Brigade (served Feb 1968-Dec 1969 only)  
508 Regimental Combat Team

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Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Unit assigned to \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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None of the above \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_(Lifetime) \_\_\_\_\_(Annual)

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# 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATIONS

The following contributions have been made to the 82nd Airborne division Association Wounded Warrior Fund. These donations are greatly appreciated and are used to support our Wounded Warriors and their needs.

CONTRIBUTOR		AMOUNT
Darren Fentress	1SG Leonard A. Funk MOH	\$75.00

Contributions to the Wounded Warrior Program are 501(c)(3) tax deductible and will be used solely and 100% to defray costs to sponsor our 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warriors. Please make check/money order payable to 82nd Abn Div Assoc WW Fund and mail to: PO Box 87482 • Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482.

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The 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee will consider requests of the Divisions Wounded Warrior/ Purple Heart recipients for their own personal events. These might include fishing trips, mountain climbing, wounded warrior events, bike races and other events they might want to be sponsored for. They may request this through Gary Rezabek as listed above.

*Reaching out to 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warriors. Have you ever thought about reuniting with your Battle Buddies? Why not have your reunion at the 82nd Abn Div Association National Convention this year. We can help.*

*If you are interested please contact the following for details.*

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The committee of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund has made some changes over the past few years. The Committee has grown to meet the needs of troopers with service connected disabilities that were sustained in combat or during a training accident.

We have been assisting our troopers and their families in different ways over the last few years.

We have assisted with:

Educational needs.

Housing improvements.

Travel and lodging for All American Week and to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne National Convention.

Donations to the Fisher House at Ft Sam Houston TX, Walter Reed Army Medical Center Wash. DC and our own beloved Womack Army Medical Center NC.

Assisting Gold Star Families as needed.

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Your 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Committee would like to sincerely Thank You for your continued support for our Troopers through your donations, prayers, notes, etc. If you have any questions with regards to the support for our Wounded Warriors; please feel free to contact one of your committee members.

If you need a little inspiration. Here are a few photos that remind us of how strong our warriors really are and how thankful we are to have them in our lives. Airborne! All the Way.

Gary Rezabek,

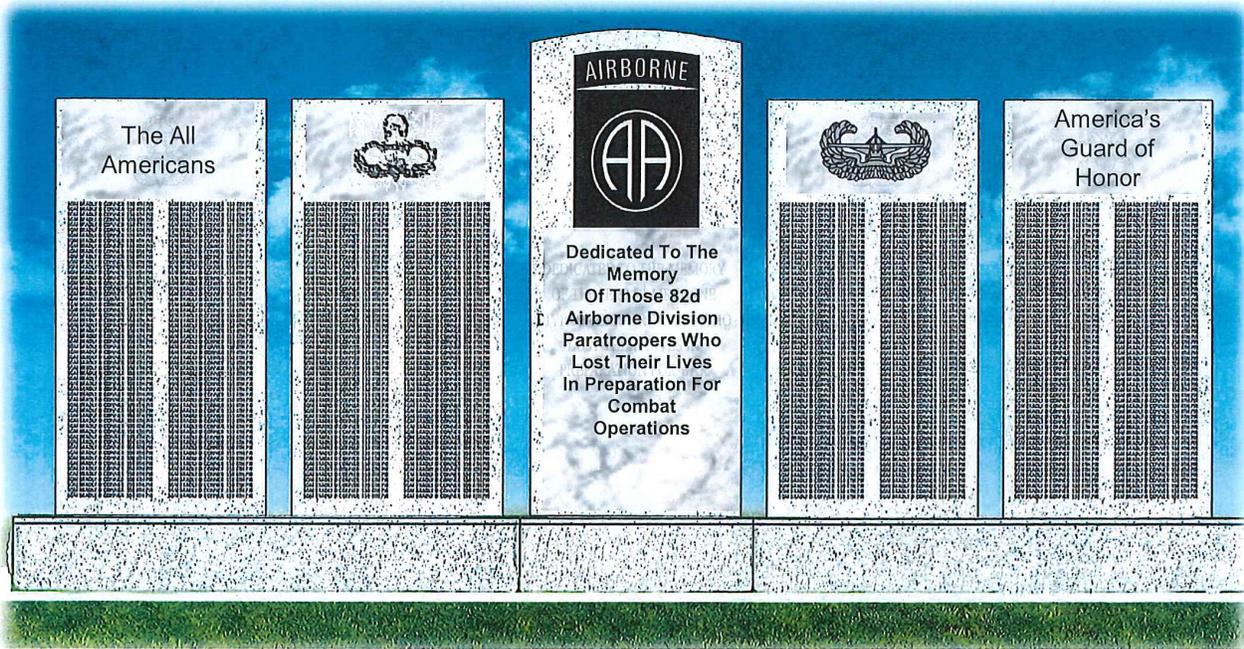
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82D AIRBORNE DIVISION  
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# “Dedicated To The Memory Of Those 82d Airborne Division Paratroopers Who Lost Their Lives In Preparation For Combat Operations”



The 82d Airborne Division Memorial Association was formed to aid the 82d Airborne Division in raising and managing funds acquired from private donations to help memorialize significant events and the Soldiers of the Division through material markers in the 82d Airborne Division area.

The Association is fundraising with the goal of adding a new granite memorial at the 82d Airborne Division Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The concept design for the memorial is seen in the image above.

**All donations to the project are tax deductible.  
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Use the form below and mail your donation to:

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# TAPS



The Members of the 82d Airborne Division Association and their families extend their deepest sympathies to the loved ones of these Troopers who have landed on their last drop zone. They gave their all. Their contributions and friendship have made a lasting impression on all of us. We'll miss you Trooper.

**MILLER**  
Douglas Miller, an All American member of the Blue Ridge All Airborne Chapter, passed away 21 December 2006.

**RICHARDS**  
James Richards, an All American member of national at large chapter, passed away 14 May 2017.

**LAWLOR**  
Maurice Lawlor, an All American member, passed away 30 October 2009. He served with the 550 PIR and the 17AD.

**LODYGOWSKI**  
Ronald Lodygowski, an All American member of the IL-Chicago Chapter passed away 9 February 2021. He served with the SPT Co, 505 AIR, 82 ABN DIV.

**BEASLEY**  
Ronald Beasley, an All American member of the National At Large chapter, passed away 14 June 2016. He served with HHC/DISCOM, 82nd ABN Div.

**WEST**  
Russell West, an All American member of the National at Large Chapter, passed away 6 October 2021. He served with 618 ENG Co 82nd ABN Div.

**LOUNDSBURY**  
Ronald A. Lounsbury, an All-American member of the MO-Gateway Chapter passed away 17 January 2024. He served with C (2-505) PIR, 82nd ABN DIV.

**SHAFFER**  
Jim D Shaffer, an All-American member of the IL-John Steele

Chapter passed away 31 January 2024. He served with B (1-12th SFGA).

**CHARCZENKO**  
Water Charczenko, an All American Member of the LTG James Gavin, previously with the Black Bear chapter of Maine passed away 12 March 2024. He served with the 82nd ABN DIV.

**JANTHORPE**  
Henry Thorpe III, an All-American member of the FL-Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter passed away 8 January 2024. He served in HHC 3-73 ARM BN, 82nd ABN DIV.

**PIKE**  
Albert Pike, an All-American member of the TX-Lone Star chapter passed 4 February 2024. He served with the

82nd ABN Div and 11 Recon.

**STEPHENSON**  
Douglas Stephenson, an All-American member of the Alvin C York Chapter passed away 7 February 2024. He served with 2-504 PIR, 82nd ABN DIV.

**ANDREWS**  
James Andrews, An All American member of the Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/Hilton Head Chapter passed away 22 January 2024. He served with 218 MI Det, XVIII AC and 11 SFGA.

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CHAPTER ISSUES: Some Chapters continue to struggle and have leadership issues, for a lot of reasons; illness, aging, family problems, etc. If no-one from the Chapter membership steps up, then it is inevitable that the Chapter may have to close. Another possibility is that Chapters may want to consider merging. In ALL cases, Chapter Officers must notify their membership, and then eventually enter the outcome in the Chapter meeting minutes. Next, the Chairman must notify National by mailing a signed letter of their intent. If the Chapter is closing, all Chapter monies and possessions must be provided the National office via Registered or Certified mail in accordance with the Association By-Laws. Exec. Director, Bill Bauer, ATW!

# WHY JOIN THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION?

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division. We do this through organized local Chapters throughout the United States that promote the Spirit of the 82nd Airborne Division within their communities through participation in community events such as: Veterans Day events, Memorial Day events, JROTC recognition of High School students, and even some chapters sponsoring Holiday toy drives, and sponsoring Active Duty Troopers of the Division in attend chapter events within their communities and in attending other local events that showcase their communities.

Our Veteran members are always available to support our Active Duty Troops. Active Duty Troops can affiliate themselves, during membership registration, with any of our local chapters throughout the United States. You can affiliate with a chapter close to your home of record or one near your next PCS move that can keep you informed of their local events your family members back home may like to attend or to establish a network link for you within that community. Our members come from all walks of life and are eager to assist fellow Association members whenever possible. When you chose to leave the Military, having fellow members that may be located in the community where you are going, and understand where you're coming from, can be a great asset to you starting off in a new environment.

As a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association you will be helping us in supporting our Division through numerous programs such as our Holiday Troop Support Program, which provides meals to Troopers and their Families during the Holidays, helping to provide food for the Division Chaplain's food locker, and sponsoring numerous Division events throughout the year. Your support helps us to continue our 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, which provides educational grants to Troopers when they leave the military, and to their dependent children when they attend college. Your support also helps us to support our Wounded Troopers of the Division through

our 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, which sponsors our Wounded Warriors to return to Fort Bragg for the All American Week events, and brings them to the Association's Annual Conventions, all at no cost to these Troopers who deserve our support. Your support will also assist us in realizing new projects that our Association is eager to sponsor that will support our Active Duty Troopers and Veteran Members. Join and be a part of our progress.

As a member of the Association you will be helping us to maintain the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division through our support of numerous associations and organizations that are dedicated to preserving the history of the 82nd Airborne Division and continuing to recognize the memory of our fallen heroes. Our Association annually recognizes our fallen with the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, and by attending the funerals of fallen members of the 82nd Airborne Division who are laid to rest within their local communities.

As a member of the Association, you will be joining the Brotherhood of members who have come before you. Our ranks include members who served in the 82nd Airborne Division during WW II, and in every conflict our Division has been a part of since. Be a part of their legacy. Come to our events and have the opportunity to sit and talk with these living legends, and to hear their stories in person. Learn from those who came before you what it was like to be a member of our storied Division throughout its history. Be a part of this legacy of great Warriors who have served in the greatest Division the world has ever seen. No matter where your life takes you from here you are now and forever going to be an "All American Trooper" and proud to have served your country in this historic Division. Stay a part of the legacy and this Division forever by becoming a member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and continuing to support the Division through your support of its Association.

**AIRBORNE, ALL THE WAY!**

## AIMS & PURPOSE

Further develop the bond between current and past Airborne forces of the U.S. Military.

Maintain a record of the history and accomplishments of Airborne Troopers.

Maintain a close liaison with the active Division.

Support the 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum.

Provide scholarships through the Association Educational Fund to recently released veterans and children of veteran and active duty members of the Association (\$127,600 awarded in 2016).

Honor the Jumpmaster, NCO & Trooper of the Year.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2009 Annual Donation from membership dues to 82nd Airborne Division Memorial Museum and the Education Fund amounted to \$5,485.80 each.

Provide funds for stained glass windows in the Division Chapel honoring Troopers of various conflicts who made the supreme sacrifice.

Present an Association watch, life membership and honor the 82nd Jumpmaster, NCO and Trooper of the Year at All American Week.

Support the Division by helping obtain items for which no official funds are available such as:

- Uniforms and sound equipment for 82nd Airborne
- Division Chorus
- Baby Certificates
- Uniforms for athletic teams
- Food for Chaplain's Food Locker

**1948** - Instrumental in helping the 82nd get back the distinctive Jump boots, Cap patch and Airborne tab.

**1980** - Helped get the Maroon Beret adopted as official headgear.

**1992** - During Desert Storm, coordinated corporate and personal contributions amounting to \$4 million in goods and services and \$17,000 cash to help family members of deployed soldiers.

**1994** - Following the accident at Pope, the Association provided \$5,000 for emergency use, Chapters in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia provided much needed support for hospitalized soldiers and their families.

**2005-2009** - Provided donations for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Monument.

**Beginning 2002 through 2012** - Provided "goodies" for the troopers deployed to protect our nation in Afghanistan and Iraq. Additionally, chapters attended ceremonies for our troopers Killed in Action throughout the U.S.A. Furthermore, provided goodies and visits to our Wounded Warriors in Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington D.C.) and Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD and Brooke Medical Center (San Antonio, TX). Contributed funds for the new Division Chapel Stained Glass Window.

**2009** - Hosted 42 Wounded Warrior and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 63rd Annual Convention.

**2010** - Hosted 47 Wounded Warriors and their families sponsored by voluntary 82d Association Chapters at the 64th Annual Convention.

**2011** - Hosted 32 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations at the 65th National Convention.

**2012** - Hosted 16 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 66th National Convention.

**2013** - Hosted 7 Wounded Warriors and their Families, sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 67th National Convention.

**2014** - Hosted 2 Wounded Warriors sponsored by Members, Chapters and Organizations to the 68th National Convention.

**2015** - Donation to 82nd Museum \$1,000; Education Fund \$1,000. Sponsored Wounded Warriors at 2015 All American Week and Convention through Wounded Warrior Fund. Provided grants to 93 applicants through Education Fund.

**2016** - Donation to All American members killed in training Memorial \$1,000. Donation of food to the Division Food Locker.

**2016-2022 Holiday Troop Support** - We provided 1,000 meals to the 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and Families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

**National Airborne Heritage Day** - Through the efforts of Association members across the country for the past eleven years, the U.S. Senate, as well as many states and municipalities, have recognized August 16th as National Airborne Day, now named Airborne Heritage Day.

**2018 - Inaugural All American Adventure** – The Association had the honor of partnering with The Center for Discovery, in hosting 20 Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division for the first ever ‘All American Adventure’, in Hurleyville, NY. This project was made possible only by the generous gift of the Vera and Walter J. Scherr Foundation. The ‘All American Adventure’ project helps find ways to assist the 82nd Airborne Division with the reintegration process of recently redeployed Troopers of the Division. The inaugural event, inspired by The Center’s world-renowned model for health and wellness, was developed specifically for our Troopers to help support and honor our men and women of the Division, who have recently returned home after nine month deployments in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

**2018 Hurricane Florence Relief** – We provided 250 Commissary gift cards to young Troopers and their families who lost their perishable goods during the power outages caused by Hurricane Florence.

**2018 Holiday Concert** – We provided hundreds of bags of candy for Santa to distribute to children during the 82nd Airborne Division Holiday Concert.

**2019 All American Adventure** - The Association again partnered with the Center for Discovery and hosted a group of service men and women for a resiliency weekend in the Catskill Mountains in NY.

**WWII Veteran Return to Normandy** - The Association had the Honor of sponsoring a return trip for some of our WWII Veterans to Normandy, France for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

**2018-2019 All American Adventure Project** bringing Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to Catskill Mountains for a 4 day retreat of boating, fishing, hiking, biking, good food, campfires and concerts. Project is designed as a resiliency getaway for Troopers to relax and reenergize. Project will be done annually.

**2019** - Sponsored trip for 4 82nd Airborne Division WWII Veterans to return to Normandy, France for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of D-Day.

**2019** - Sponsored the attendance of 82nd Airborne Division World WWII Veterans at the 73rd Annual Convention in Washington DC.

## **BENEFITS**

Beyond the obvious benefits of lifetime friendships and membership in a Brotherhood that has no equal, the following are provided to members:

- **Remain part of a unique and elite organization dedicated to fostering the Airborne heritage of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to build a network within an Airborne community that recognizes the accomplishments and abilities of Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Join our social network to stay in touch with fellow 82nd Veterans and be informed of Military news.**
- **Stay in touch with fellow Veterans who understand your experiences, have walked where you have walked, been where you have been, and understand your struggles.**
- **Opportunity to attend and share experiences at National and Chapter events throughout the United States, to include our annual National Convention and All American Week celebration.**
- **Opportunity to be a leader on our National Board of Directors or in a local Chapter to help shape the Association and work towards moving our organization into the future.**
- **Choose one of over 80 local Chapters throughout the United States that work to foster Military programs and maintain our 82nd heritage within their communities.**
- **Help the Wounded Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division.**
- **Ability to apply for educational funding available to recently discharged Military Troopers and their families.**
- **Make a difference in the lives of our fellow Active and Veteran Troopers.**
- **Maintain that bond with the Military community.**

With your support, the Association can continue to provide donations to the 82nd Airborne Division Education Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Fund, the 82nd Airborne Division Museum and Memorial and Memorial Fund, and provide numerous programs that directly support our Active Duty Troopers.

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# PARAGLIDE GUIDE

The Paraglide is your magazine. To make it professional and easy to read as possible, the following guidelines and pointers are offered.

## CHAPTER NEWS

Space - Under the current structure of the Paraglide, each chapter is allocated a half page and we will use all submissions. When chapters submit more than that amount, it becomes necessary for the Executive Director to edit. You can calculate the one half page space using the following method. Set margins so that you have a 60-character line. Approximately 50 lines will equal one half page. Subtract approximately 12 to 15 lines for each photo.

**Issue Dates** - The Paraglide is published on the 30th of January, April, July and October. When you submit, write as if all events up to the publication date have taken place even if they haven't or hold it until the next issue.

## STYLE

**Ranks:** It is policy of the Association to only use rank when the individual is active duty SGT, a general officer MG, or when the individual retired CSM (R) or former rank is significant to the story. **Dates and Times:** All dates and times are written civilian style. Do not include day with date; example: 4 p.m., July 15, 2009.

## WHAT NOT TO SEND TO THE PARAGLIDE

Please send the items below to the Executive Director, not the Paraglide Editor. This is necessary in order to maintain accurate Association Records.

The Executive Director forwards appropriate information to the Editor.

- Change of Address
- Change of Officers.
- Notice of Member's Death.
- Anything to do with memberships.
- Submissions to the Airborne Calendar.

## NEWS ARTICLES

News stories are generally based on an event and are reported written in the inverted pyramid style. This means the most important facts should go into the first paragraph, with the other details following in descending order of importance.

## FEATURES

Feature stories are the soul of any publication. They're the heartwarming personality profiles, the tragic but heroic war stories, the photo features that make you believe you're there and the indomitable histories of people and events that have shaped the 82nd and the Association.

## PHOTOS

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is a dynamic group and the Paraglide should reflect that energy. When possible, submit action photos as opposed to posed or static shots. A good rule of thumb is to select photos in which the subjects' heads are dime-size or larger. Neither Xerox copies nor newspaper clippings can be reproduced for publication.

**Caption:** Identify everyone in the photo whose face is clearly shown. From left to right, include their first and last names.

## FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be typed in upper and lower case letters. Please do not type in all capital letters. The name of your chapter should appear at the top of the page. When mailing, you may send registered or return receipt requested.

## DEADLINES

The Paraglide deadlines are firm and should reflect upcoming events and those which took place the previous quarter.

The deadlines are as follows:

**Issue / Deadline / Publish Date**

Winter / December 30 / January 30

Spring / March 30 / April 30

Summer / June 30 / July 30

Fall / September 30 / October 30

**Please send letters and e-mail to:  
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**18865 Edwards Grove Drive Noblesville, IN 46062**

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## PARAGLIDE ADVERTISEMENT IS NOW OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

The Advertisement cost for publishing in the Association Paraglide magazine are noted below:

\$1000 - Full Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$500 - Half Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$250 - Quarter Page / Color / 4 Issues

\$100-BusinessCard/Color/4Issues

\$150 - Facebook & Website Advertising/Monthly

Ads & Artwork must be camera ready.

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