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- 1. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2015:** The Registration and flyer have been published in the WINTER 2014 Paraglide and are also posted on the Association website at the Events link. *Please be sure to use the POC listed for all hotel reservations.* The \$100 registration fee includes the 18 May picnic lunch at the Fayetteville Chapter clubhouse, the 20 May dinner at the Fayetteville Chapter clubhouse and the 21 May Association Social at the Fort Bragg Conference and Catering Center. Attached is a schedule of AAW events. As we receive more information about scheduled events, we will send a revised schedule out. Also attached is a flyer with information about the Association's 23rd Annual All American Week Golf Scramble.

As stated below under Membership Rosters, we have been experiencing some computer issues which has slowed our progress processing registrations. If you need a member number for All American Week registration and have not gotten your card back yet you can put "application pending" on your All American Week registration paperwork, and we will look up the number when we get your form.

Photos Wanted: For those members who will be attending AAW, Mike Lonetto is making a "Back in the Day" photo display. If you would like to have a photo displayed of you when you were with the 82d, you can email them to Mike at mikeyL1@verizon.net or you can bring them with you and it will be added. Please include your last name and the year.

Reminder: At this year's AAW Dinner Social, we are introducing a Silent Auction. We have asked that at least one Chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state combine to donate a basket that reflects the uniqueness of their state. There is no minimum or maximum for your donation. The only guideline is that it reflects the uniqueness of the state. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated!

- 2. 69TH NATIONAL CONVENTION:** Registrations continue to be received for this year's National Convention in Orlando, FL. Please remind your members to mail their registration to Caroline Grimsley, 1910 E. Gachet Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813 and to reserve their room with the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orland, FL. Hotel reservations can be made at www.paratrooperdz.com Included in the Winter 2014 Paraglide, and attached to this Bulletin, is the 69th Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association. The deadline for submission is 20 June 2015.
- 3. 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** The 2014 Financial Statements were sent out in mid-January and are *due at National by 10 April 2015.* Any Statements not received by the suspense date will not be

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added to the Association Group Return and will be the responsibility of the chapter for filing with the IRS. To date, following chapters have completed and returned their statement:

307 th ENG All American Engineers	San Joaquin Valley	Central New York
Low Country All Airborne	Greater Daytona	Golden Gate
1SG Leonard A Funk MOH	Evergreen State	Mid-Michigan
Montana All Airborne	North Central Florida	New York
Oklahoma All Airborne	Lobo All Airborne	North Texas
Space Coast All Airborne	Southern California	Badger State

4. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:** Please check out our website at www.82ndairborneassociation.org for a State of the Division semi-annual update from MG Richard D. Clark , Jr. and CSM LaMarquis Knowles.

5. **82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** To date, we have approximately 950 co-branded cards which have helped the Association bring in approximately \$90,000 over the past several years. Please continue to support the Association by supporting the program. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to www.usaa.com/82nd If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

6. **ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted).
 - a. 2017 Convention Bids: 30 April 2015
 - b. 82d All American of the Year: 1 May 2015, Chairman/Director T. Ed Herlihy
 - c. Delegates: 1 May 2015
 - d. Convention Agenda: 1 June 2015
 - e. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: 1 June 2015, Chairman Nero J. Tucker
 - f. National Director Nominations: 1 July 2015

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

*Allen E. Schoppe	*T. Ed Herlihy	*Jose Aguayo
*Steve Jessie	Gary T. Rezabek	James O'Connor

7. **82D ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** The Association’s Education Fund has its own 501(c)(3) bank account and its new address is 82D Airborne Division Association Education Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304-7482. We are combining the Association, Wounded Warrior Fund and

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Education Fund post office box addresses in an effort to reduce Association costs. Please remind your members that donations to the Education Fund is a 501(c) entity and donations are tax deductible.

- 8. 82D ASSOCIATION WOUNDED WARRIOR FUND:** In mid-February, the 82nd Airborne Division Wounded Warrior Committee has merged with the Association's Wounded Warrior Fund to better serve the wounded of the Division. The Committee has transferred all monies, merchandise and materials held by the Committee to the Association's Wounded Warrior Fund. We will continue to work with Division liaison(s) with caring for our wounded warriors.
- 9. MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS:** Chapter Rosters are in the process of being distributed to all Chapters. We have experienced some computer problems here that have slowed our progress on completing this task, but hope to have the information out to all Chapters by the end of the week. Sorry for the delay. This has also caused a delay on member registrations, but we are looking to upgrade some of our equipment this weekend and hope that will remedy our issues. Thank you for your patience. The current and delinquent rosters are being sent out in pdf and excel. *Please make every effort possible to contact your members*, especially your delinquent members, so that we retain the most current information in our National database. Please notify National of any changes, via a separate excel spreadsheet noting only the changes, so that the database can be updated. If possible, ***please get email addresses*** for your members so they can be given correspondence in a timely manner.

After these rosters have been sent out, all rosters will be sent out once a year on rotating quarters. For instance, 25 chapters will receive their roster in March, 25 different chapters will receive theirs in each of June, September and December. This should help alleviate the backlog of getting rosters out all at one time.

- 10. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Please be aware that when memberships are submitted to National from the Chapters, all paperwork will now be kept at National. Only the transmittal sheet will be returned to the Chapter along with the Membership cards. When memberships are submitted directly to National, National will send a copy of the application to the assigned Chapter for their records. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused with recent membership applications submitted by the Chapters.
- 11. ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION AND MEMBERS DD 214:** As previously discussed, we are trying to change the Association's non-profit status to a 501(c)19 entity. To do that we need to get copies of the Association's Members' DD214 to verify their time of service. Members do not need to have been in combat, but only to have served during a time of war. The sooner we can obtain these records, the quicker we can submit the application. Your cooperation in obtaining these records is greatly appreciated.

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- 12. VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Some Chapters are using membership Applications that reflect the wrong annual dues. Annual dues are \$25.00, with National receiving \$17.00 and the Chapters receive \$8.00. Please update your Applications to reflect the current dues. Thank you.
- 13. SPRING PARAGLIDE:** Submissions for the Spring 2015 PARAGLIDE are due to the editor by 31 Mar 2015. Please have your submissions turned-in on time. News, letters and emails should be sent directly to Holmesteads, 18865 Edwards Grove Dr., Noblesville, IN 46062, paraglide@holmesteads.com 317-674-3717. Chapter Officers are asked to adhere to the half page limit for Chapter Articles. If you have any requests from National on additional information to be posted in the PARAGLIDE, please speak to National by 24 March to allow us time to review and send approved requests to the editor. Please remind your members that we are trying to issue the Paraglide in hardcopy through annual subscriptions of \$30. Subscriptions can be made online or mailed in. Copies of the subscription form were attached to the Jan-Feb 2015 bulletin and are available on our website.
- 14. END OF YEAR 2014 CHAPTER REPORTS:** All Veteran Chapters are required by the Association By-Laws to submit an Annual Summary Report for 2014 and events for 2015. To date, we have received very few reports. If you have submitted your reports, thank you, if you have not yet submitted the report, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.
- 15. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** Please announce the following upcoming regional events at Chapter meetings, via the Chapter newsletter and website. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the [Events link](#).
- a. 2015 AIRBORNE AWARDS, 1-4 April 2015 is at Atlanta, GA and is hosted by the Donald D. Lassen Atlanta All Airborne Chapter and the 82d Airborne Division Association. For more details, go to www.82nd-atl.com The host hotel is Atlanta Airport Marriot, Atlanta, GA.
 - b. SUN CITY ALL-AIRBORNE FESTIVAL VII 2015, 1-5 July 2015, is at El Paso, TX and is hosted by the Benavidez-Patterson All-Airborne Chapter. POC is Treasurer Rick Trevizo 915-562-9969 bp82cmdctr@bpaac.org; host hotel Wyndham El Paso Airport 915-778-4241 or 800-742-7248 reservation code: 0701670382 or 82nd Airborne Division Association.
- 16. 75TH ANNIVERSARY-U. S. AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** The 75th Anniversary of the United States Airborne & Special Operations will be held and celebrated on 12 August 2015 during the 69th National Convention in Orlando, FL. For more information please contact Carl Bludau-Event Executive Chairman 361-575-8492, Allen Schoppe-Project Treasurer 281-814-2377, or Ron Rath-Executive Committee 919-803-4554. Registration and information on these events were published in the Paraglide and also on the Association's website at the [Events link](#).
- 17. VIETNAM VETERANS' WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION:** This event is being hosted by Fort Jackson, SC on 16 May 2015 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam. The event is free and open to the public. Please pass this event on to your Members.

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18. 1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: Attached is the 1st Annual Association 50/50 Raffle. Please provide your membership copies for their participation. Chapters are asked to support this annual Association revenue project by purchasing a minimum of 1 page worth of tickets in your Chapter's name.

19. NATIONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES: In an attempt to cut costs and, more importantly, to streamline communication between Chapters, members and National, National is reducing the number of email addresses that are being used. Please use only the following email addresses for all communication:

82dassn@earthlink.net: Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director

Hq82dabndivassn@earthlink.net: All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters

President Schoppe and First Lady Vicky, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association, and their wives, wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and good luck throughout the year. In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our recovering wounded warriors, Service Men and Women and their Families in your thoughts and prayers. Through their sacrifice, we can sleep easy and enjoy our freedom.

ALLEN E. SCHOPPE, National President

Enclosures
OFFICIAL:
BILL BAUER
Executive Director

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