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Fellow Paratroopers:

Before I begin this week's Bulletin I want to thank our members for all the hard work they have been doing to better our Association. The Chapter Bulletins I have received have shown some great events that have been going on out in the field. I have received some awesome stories of our participation at JROTC award events, and stories of Paratroopers helping families of past Paratroopers that I think are inspiring and I hope you will read in our upcoming Paraglide. I am proud to be counted in the ranks of you great Americans.

The National office is going through some drastic changes in an effort to make ourselves more productive for our members, but because there are only two of us in the office to accomplish all of these new initiatives and the day-to-day operations, I have to apologize for the extended waiting period on getting things to the chapters. I assure you we are working as quickly as we can, but we are also looking at better ways to do just about everything. Please be patient with us through this time of change, and I hope you will see an improvement in the long run. Thank you also to those of you who have provided us with help and guidance through this time.

One of the changes you will see very soon is a new look to our webpage. We are trying to get a webpage that will be more user friendly and streamline some of our operations. What I need you to know is that it will be a working process. When it comes out, we are hoping for your input to make it better. We do not think it will be perfect from the beginning, but with your input on how you think it looks and operates, we will improve it as necessary. We are hoping it will become a useful website that also allows for links to Chapters that will allow potential members to see what we are about and direct them to local chapters in their area to link in to. Again, this is a work in progress and we will be reaching out next week to Chapters to provide us information about your Chapters for inclusion to the website.

We will also be changing our emails at National to a new email server that we hope will give us better performance than what we are currently using, and be much simpler to use. You will see the new email information later in this bulletin. Please begin using the new addresses immediately, but we will continue to monitor the old addresses for at least the next several months to ensure everyone gets the new information before we shut them down.

As most of you know, our general fund for the Association is going through a rough period financially and because of this we are asking our membership for donations to the general fund in order to help us get back on our feet. We understand that you will expect us to be good stewards of the Association funds and we will work diligently to earn your trust. In an effort to keep open communication on what funding is going to, we have attached a monthly financial statement to this month's bulletin for your review. Since I am not one to ask anyone to do anything I would not do myself, Laura and I are starting the donation drive by each donating \$100

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to the Association's General Fund. Please help us in our efforts to get the Association back on solid standing. Thank you in advance for your support. Checks or cash can be sent to directly to National or you can make donations online at our website via PayPal. The online option will be up and running by the end of this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/Hilton Head Island, Kentucky All Airborne and Donald Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapters for inviting me to their annual events. I was very happy that I was able to represent the Association at these events and I enjoyed meeting more of our membership. If you get the opportunity to attend any of these events, I would definitely recommend them.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's Bulletin and find it insightful. I look forward to seeing you at AAW! Thank you again for all you do, and have a great Airborne month.

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- 1. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2015:** This month's Bulletin is a little late because we have been waiting to get some answers about AAW. If you have not heard already, the schedule for AAW has changed drastically. The largest change is that instead of a Division Review on Pike Field, this year the Division will be conducting a Joint Operational Access Demonstration (JOAD) at Sicily Drop Zone, followed immediately by a Division review where the Division will march in from the Drop Zone. For those of you who have never experienced seeing a JOAD, it is an awesome display of the 82d Airborne Divisions capabilities and I have provided the following URL to an article describing the JOAD that was done for the 2011 AAW: http://www.army.mil/article/56940/Paratroopers_demonstrate_capabilities_to_public/

Because the JOAD/Review will be an all-day event, the Memorial will be moved to Wednesday afternoon, 20 May 2015. All of these changes are shown on the attached schedule. We are hoping to have the 82d Airborne Division Commander, MG Richard D. Clarke, as our speaker at the Association Social on Thursday evening, 21 May 2015. Availability at Moon Hall at the Airborne Inn is filling quickly. If you are planning on attending AAW, it is important for you to make your reservations quickly. Remember that reservations for Association members are made with Ms. Monica Wells, and is only for Association members. Those who are not members will have their reservations cancelled in order to ensure there are rooms available for Association members. If you have not sent in your application for AAW, please do so quickly, as registrations must be postmarked by 2 May 2015.

We are still waiting for the times and locations for Regimental picnics. As we receive those, and other updates, we will post the Updated Schedule online as the information is provided. If anyone would like to join your Regiment on the Division run (you must be able to maintain a 9 minute pace for 4.2 miles), please send your request by email to the Association Director at Execdir@82assn.org and I will provide the information to the Regiments. Linkup with your Regiments will be at 0600hrs. Further information will be provided at registration. Please look at attachments for information on Registration, the schedule of events, and the Golf Scramble.

Photos Wanted: Please remember to send (or bring with you) your photo of when you were in the 82d to Mike Lonetto at mikeyL1@verizon.net for inclusion on the "Back in the Day" photo display. Please include your last name and the year.

Reminder: Please notify National of your Chapter's participation in the Silent Auction planned for the AAW Dinner Social on Thursday. To date, we have only been notified by four Chapters of their participation. We have asked for Chapters to donate a basket which reflects the uniqueness of your state. No basket is too big or too small. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

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

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 added to the Association Group Return and will be the responsibility of the chapter for filing with the IRS. To date, following 69 chapters have completed and returned their statement:

307 th ENG All Am Eng	San Joaquin Valley	Central New York	Akron
Low Country All Abn	Greater Daytona	Golden Gate	508 th Abn
1SG Leonard A Funk MOH	Evergreen State	Mid-Michigan	New York
Montana All Abn	N Central Florida All Abn	Lozada-Rubio	North Texas
Oklahoma All Abn	San Diego All Abn	Virginia State	Cohort
Space Coast All Abn	Southern California	Badger State	Idaho All Abn
Don Lassen/Atlanta All Abn	Central Pennsylvania	Rocky Mountain	Lehigh Valley
John Towle-Cleveland	James Etherton/Detroit	GEN MB Ridgway	Gateway
Tillman E Beikes- Indianapolis	Palm Beach County	CSM Ray Verdugo	Lobo All Abn
Benavidez-Patterson	CPL Edward Slavin	Orlando All Abn	Cornhusker
Southern Illinois Heartland	Texas Lone Star	LTG James Gavin	Acadiana
Walter E Hughes/Tri-State	Southern Arizona	Kentucky All Abn	Mid-America
SGT CM Pusateri All Abn	Hampton Roads All Svc	Niagara Frontier	North Jersey
Northeastern Pennsylvania	Keystone All Abn	S Florida All Abn	South Texas
Central Ohio All Abn	Washington DC	W Virginia All Abn	Wolverine
Blue Ridge All Abn	COL Reuben E Tucker	Hajdak/Mokan-PHI	Vulcan
Ben Vandervoort/Sav/HHI	Lew Millet MOH Mem	Cincinnati All Abn	Chicago
Southern Wisconsin			

4. **WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG:**

- a. Congratulations to 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade Trooper Captain Sidney Roberts of 2-82 Aviation Regiment for being selected as one of the recipients of the 2014 General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.
- b. Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey visited the 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters in March to meet with Division senior leaders. SMA Dailey spoke directly with Fort Bragg, N.C., troops during a town hall meeting to learn which issues concern them the most. This trip to Fort Bragg was part of SMA Dailey’s battlefield circulation of several Army installations.

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- c. Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division are scheduled to deploy to U.S. Central Command this summer in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. About 500 Soldiers from division headquarters will depart in June for a nine-month deployment. The paratroopers will have a contingent in Iraq with the remaining based outside Iraq in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites <http://www.dvidshub.net/image> and <http://www.bragg.army.mil/82ND/Pages/default.aspx> to find out more about these articles and what is happening within the Division.

5. **E-NEWS BULLETINS:** Subscribe to the E-News Bulletin, sponsored by Multiview and updated bi-weekly, to find out more about what is going on within the Division by going to the Association's webpage under Bulletins: <http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/82ada/>. The Association receives royalties based on the number of email subscribers. *Please support the Association by subscribing now!*
6. **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.
7. **CONVENTION DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted).
 - a. 2017 Convention Bids: Bids by Chapters and Host Hotel must be in compliance with the Convention SOP are due 30 April 2015.
 - b. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP which is available online via the Association website are due 1 May 2015 to Chairman/Director T. Ed Herlihy.
 - c. Delegates: Must be certified by a Chapter Letter signed by the Chapter Chairperson sent directly to National. The Convention \$90.00 registration fee should be sent directly to The Orlando Chapter: Caroline Grimsley, 1910 E. Gachet Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813 are due 1 May 2015.
 - d. 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 are due 1 June 2015.
 - e. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP are due 1 June 2015 to Chairman Nero J. Tucker.
 - f. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and/or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in letter form and signed by the Chapter Chairperson and are due 29 June 2015.
 - g. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due 1 July 2015.

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

*Allen E. Schoppe
*Steve Jessie

*T. Ed Herlihy
Gary T. Rezabek

*Jose Aguayo
James O'Connor

8. **2015 CHAPTER DUES:** National has received some 2015 Annual and LIFE dues directly from members. The Chapter's portion of these dues will be paid in a lump sum check from National during July 2015.
9. **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:** Statistics will be provided with the May Bulletin. The deadline for membership to count toward the Chapter Convention Award is 1 June 2015. This allows National time to process membership of all Chapters and then complete the membership certificates and order the necessary awards for Convention presentation in Orlando, FL.
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.
11. **VETERAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Some Chapters are still 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. In addition, the current membership application form, which is available online on our website under Memberships, can be used for New Members, Reinstatements, and Renewals for Annual and Life members. The application or the Update Card can also be used for updates only or to request a Chapter transfer.
12. **NEW 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:

execdir@82assn.org Chapter and member correspondence for the Executive Director

execsec@82assn.org All other correspondence to the Association, including TAPS/obituaries, Chapter roster requests, membership questions, bulletin information, Chapter Bulletins and Newsletters

Emails going to 82dassn@earthlink.net and hq82dabndivassn@earthlink.net will automatically be forwarded to the new email addresses during the change-over period.
13. **STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION POLICY:** Just a reminder to Chapter Officers and Association Members: The 82d Airborne Division Association Inc. does *not* sponsor, nor lend its name in any way,

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to parachute jumping activities, nor does it provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity, to include being in attendance.

14. **ASSOCIATION 501(c)19 DESIGNATION AND MEMBERS DD 214:** Please continue to send your paperwork to National. Your cooperation in obtaining these records is *greatly appreciated*.
15. **SPRING PARAGLIDE:** 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.

We are hoping for the Paraglide to provide the Association with some much needed revenues, while giving members a hardcopy of the Paraglide. We need your help to make this happen. Please support the Association, and receive the Paraglide also.
16. **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.
17. **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. 53rd ALL OHIO AIRBORNE DAYS, 1-3 October 2015 is at Cleveland, OH and is hosted by the John Towle MOH, Cleveland Chapter. POC is Vice Chairman Sean Jennings 440-915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com. The host hotel is Holiday Inn Cleveland West 440-871-6000.
 - 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; the host hotel is Wyndham El Paso Airport 915-778-4241 or 800-742-7248 reservation code: 0701670382 or 82nd Airborne Division Association.
 - c. ANNUAL SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL AIRBORNE DAYS REUNION, 5-7 June 2015, is at Houston, TX and is hosted by the Texas Lone Star Chapter. POC is Allen Schoppe 281-814-2377; the host hotel is Double Tree by Hilton Hobby Airport in Houston, TX 800-222-TREE, reservation code: ADA or 82nd Airborne Division.
18. **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.

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19. **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.
20. **GET WELL AND SYMPATHY CARDS:** Both cards are available and can be purchased through Association Sales. Contact information is available on the Association website homepage and in the Paraglide.
21. **1st ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Please support National by participating in the 1st Annual Association 50/50 Raffle by providing your membership copies for their participation. Chapters are asked to support this annual Association revenue project by purchasing a minimum of 1 page worth of tickets in your Chapter's name. The raffle tickets are on our webpage and in the March 2015 bulletin.
22. **FUNDRAISING IDEAS:** Chapters are always looking for ways to raise funds. Here are some tried and true fundraisers: Chapter garage sale, 50/50 raffles, merchandise raffles, vender/merchant advertising/sponsorship, golf outings, auctions, and donations. If your Chapter has been successful with other types of fundraisers, please let us know so that we can share with other Chapters.
23. **FACEBOOK PAGE:** Please go the 82nd Airborne Division Association and 'like us'. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!
24. **ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** In an effort to keep the Membership informed, the 2015 Budget to Actual Statement and our Statement of Financial Position are attached.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association, and their wives, hope everyone had a Happy Easter and wish you all a Happy Spring. 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

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Executive Director

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