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- 1. 2017 CONVENTION:** The Orlando All Airborne Chapter, the Daniel S. Campbell All Airborne Chapter and Orlando, FL will again be hosting the 71th National Convention August 9-13, as well as celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the 82nd Division. Registration is \$100.00 per person, which includes 2 formal dinners and food and drink in the hospitality rooms. The host hotel will again be The Rosen Centre, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL, just minutes from many of the Orlando vacation attractions. The rooms are \$85 per standard room and for Active Duty the rate is \$50 per room (max 4 persons per room). Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! Go to the following link for more information and registration:

<http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/>

Posted online and also to be included in the Fall 2016 Paraglide is the 71st Convention Program Book Advertisement Specifications and Rates page. This allows Chapters, Members and Businesses the opportunity to support the Association and get their word out to a large portion of the Association Membership. The deadline for submission is *30 June 2017*.

Check out the 2017 82nd Abn Div Assoc 71st Annual Convention – ORLANDO facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/479575888817905/?fref=ts> for the latest updates. Also, look for updates on our website under Events.

- 2. 70th CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES AND SURVEY:** The minutes from the Association meetings will be posted by the end of October online at the Association website under the Quick Links – Forms & Resources <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/convention.html> The minutes of the Delegates, Education Fund and Wounded Warrior meetings held at the 2016 Convention will be provided separately. We hope to have those minutes posted shortly. Those who attended the Convention and registered an email address were sent a survey and their comments and the response from National will also be posted at the end of October. Overall, the attendees had a great time and offered some great comments for us to work on for next year. Thank you for taking the time to offer us your insights.

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3. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division)**: Due to popular demand we are starting registration for AAW on 20 Oct 2016. The registration and flyer will be published in the Fall Paraglide and will be available at our website under Events starting on 20 Oct 2016. Please be sure to use the POC when making hotel reservations. With this being the 100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division, the Division is hoping to make this year's AAW a very special occasion for everyone, and will be adding special events to the occasion. Never been back for AAW, then this is the time to come and see an amazing display of the greatest Division in the world. There will be a Veteran portion to the Division review again this year and we hope to have hundreds participate again as the Division honors its Veterans as we conduct a pass and review alongside our active duty Brothers on Sicily Drop Zone. It is a great event to be a part of and one no Veteran should miss. Our Fayetteville Chapter will again be whipping up a fantastic BBQ for the attendees at Moon Hall and promises to outdo themselves again this year. I can't tell you how excited we all are about this year's AAW, and we hope to see all the old faces and some new ones for this year's event. Don't be that guy again who says I wish I had gone. Wishes go nowhere unless you act on them.

Again, registration for AAW will be online and can be paid for on-line or can be done by write in application with an enclosed check. The cost is again \$100 and I am sure you will find it money well spent. There will also be a 2017 AAW Challenge Coin this year that can be purchased with your registration or at AAW. They will also be available for purchase on-line and you can have them shipped to you or pay with your registration and pick them up when you arrive to register at AAW and thereby saving on postage. The Challenge Coin will be available for viewing on our website so check it out. We hope to have a representation of the coin available on the website by 20 Oct also.

Auction Baskets: During AAW this year, we will be having nightly auctions at the main hospitality room. We are asking that at least one chapter per state, or the Chapters within a state, combine to donate a basket, that reflects the uniqueness of the state. Please include a list of the items in your basket. *Please notify National of your Chapter's participation so that we can plan accordingly.* Your support is greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful for the baskets we have received in the past. They have been a big hit and went a long way in supporting the Association.

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

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 what is happening within the Division. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>.

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- 5. ASSOCIATION ALUMNI BOOK DELAY:** The Association has been informed by PCI, the publishers of the Alumni book, that there is a delay in the publishing of the book and that a message will be sent again to all members who ordered the book, and supplied them with an email address, to explain the delay and give updates on the release date. For those who did not supply an email address, a copy of the notice is published on our website and there is also a link on our Facebook page. Please share with your members. We have also heard the rumors from Members that the company is going out of business and other stories. These are only rumors. Harris Connect did merge with PCI, but the same people are still there that we have been working with and nothing has changed. They have sent out their apology letter via email, that we have posted on our website and on our Facebook page to let Members know when the book is due out and it also gives a contact number for their offices if you have any other questions for the publisher. But again, the book is delayed, but will be coming out and there is no need for worry. We are staying in contact with them and they can be reached at 1-800-982-1590, or by email at customerservice@publishingconcepts.com. Again, please share this information with anyone you know who has ordered the Alumni book so that they know what is really going
- 6. ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND:** Please remind your members that the deadline for scholarships is fast approaching for eligible members and dependents. Applications and additional information are available online under Quick Links/Education Fund and should be mailed to PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304-7484, which is also listed on the bottom of the application. NOTE: This is a USPS box and, therefore, does NOT accept UPS, FEDEX, etc. packages. All questions should be directed to Allen Schoppe, Treasurer of the Fund. Applications must be RECEIVED no later than 1 November 2016!!
- 7. DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** We are very thankful to our members and supporters who have donated to the Association and help us to support our 82nd Troopers. Donations of any amount will go a long way The Association continues to request your donations to the General Fund. A donation of just \$10.00 will go a long way in helping the Association to begin new initiates to support our 82nd Troopers and Veterans. Donations can be mailed to the National office or made by clicking on the “Donate” tab found on our website. Thank you for your support.
- 8. WOUNDED WARRIOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** Thank you for your continuing support of the Wounded Warrior Fund. The Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund is an IRS 501(c)3 entity and all contributions are tax deductible. This year your generous donations were used to bring Wounded Warriors to All American Week and to bring Wounded Warriors to our Annual Convention in Louisville, KY. The inclusion of these Wounded Warriors was a terrific boost for our members and especially for our Wounded Warriors. Please continue to mail contributions to: 82d Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

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9. CHAPTER PORTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES VIA PAYPAL: As we hope you have been following, the portion of Membership dues, that go to the local Chapters (we refer to them as Chapter refunds), that are collected by the National office when Members register directly through the National office are being sent to the local Chapters via PayPal. Please know that there is no cost to the Chapters to receive the refunds on this account and does not have to be used by Chapters to make payments to the National office, although that option is available to you. Chapter only need to use the email account supplied by the National office to open a PayPal account to allow for a conduit for funds to be sent to your Chapter bank account.

This is a secure means of transferring money quickly to your accounts and will only go to the account you have registered with them. Again, there is no cost to the Chapter unless you decide to also use the PayPal account to make Payments to others. In which case PayPal will charge you for the transaction. But as long as you use it only to receive payments from the National office, there is no charge at all for having this account. All charges are paid by the National office for the transaction. We will only be making payments to the Chapters through PayPal and will not be issuing checks anymore. If for some reason your account is not set up and the money is returned to us by PayPal we will hold your funds for you until you are able to set up your account and then reissue your payments to you, so you will not lose the money. If you still have any questions or need help in setting up your account please call us, and we will assist you. All this information has been previously sent to all the Chapter Chairmen, including tutorials on accessing your Association email accounts and tutorials on setting up your PayPal accounts to only receive payments to your bank account, without having to register any credit card, but if any Chairmen has not received this information please call us so we can get the information to you. We appreciate the help from all the Chapters who have completed this transition, and are ready to help any others who may be having some problems. Thank you.

10. 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. Hilton Head Weekend, 23-26, 2017 is at Hilton Head Island, SC and is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort All Airborne Chapter. POC is Bill Eberle 843-682-4171. The host hotel is Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa 888-511-5086.

11. 3rd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We are gearing up to make our 3rd Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. Attached is a flyer for the raffle. The drawing will

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be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 71st National Convention. You do not have to be present to win!

12. FACEBOOK PAGE: Please go the 82nd Airborne Division Association Facebook page and ‘like us’ at <https://www.facebook.com/82nd-Airborne-Division-Association-675341502555480>. ***This is the ONLY official facebook page of the Association. We have no affiliation with any other sites that are using the Association’s name!*** You will not see a lot of advertising on our Facebook page, nor do we allow profanity or bad conduct. We would love to receive pictures from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members on this page, and will post more Association photos of things going on at the National office, and within the 82nd Airborne Division! If you want good information about what’s going on in our Association this is the place to find it. Hope to see you there.

13. HURRICANE MATTHEW: We hope all of our Brothers and Sisters on the East Coast remain safe through the Hurricane and our prayers will be with you.

President Schoppe and First Lady Vickie, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish all members and their families a safe and happy Halloween.

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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