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1. 2017 CONVENTION: Planning continues for the 71th National Convention August 9-13, 2017 in Orlando, FL as well as for 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. Remember, if you do not register for the Convention by 9 July 2017, the price will go up to \$125 to accommodate making changes within 30 days. Also, the discounted room rates at the Rosen Centre will no longer be discounted and you will be subject to the regular room rates, so make your reservations now. You can cancel your room reservations prior to five days from your reservation date with no penalty. Bring your family and take advantage of the great rates at a world class hotel in one of our Nation's premier vacation spots. There are many exciting events planned for this Convention. Don't wait too long to register. Please go to the following link for more information and to register today! http://www.paratrooperdz.com/2017-national-convention/

Posted online and also included in the Winter 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 Airborne Division Association 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. ALL AMERICAN WEEK 2017 (100th Anniversary of the 82nd Division): AAW 2017 was a huge success with over 400 registered guests. Everyone had a great time and the Division did an excellent job of welcoming our Veterans. Division promises another great event next year, so be sure to come back again next year or if you missed it this year, don't miss it again next year. The National office wants to thank all of our guests for coming. We had a great time speaking to all of you and making new friends. Thank you also to the Chapters that donated baskets. They were a big success and the money will go a long way in furthering the success of the Association. There are still some AAW 2017 coins left and they can be ordered on line if you need some. We are also putting the 2016 coins back up for sale, for those of you who did not get one and want to have the complete set of five that will run from 2016-2020. Thanks again for attending AAW 2017 and we look forward to seeing you next year.





- 3. STATUS OF 501(c)19 TAX EXEMPT STATUS WITH THE IRS: We have not yet received the 501(c) 19 approval letters for the Chapters, but we will let you know as soon as they are granted, and send each chapter their tax exempt status letter for inclusion in their records. This is a great step forward for the Association, and we expect it to lead to a greater ability in our requests for donations. Thank you to everyone who helped the Association in making this possible.
- 4. 2016 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: The 2016 Chapter Financial Statements have been sent out and were due at National by 10 April 2017. Any Statements not received will not be added to the Association Group Return and will be the responsibility of the Chapter for filing with the IRS. If your Chapter files separately and has not informed the Association of this, please do so. Any Chapters who have not filed their taxes over the last two years will be looked at by the Board of Directors, at our Convention meeting, to be subject to closure, as per the Association by-laws. If your Chapters has become behind in your filings, please notify us so that we can assist you in getting up to date. If you are having issues with your submission please contact the National Office for assistance. To date, the following Chapters have completed and returned their Statement:

Ben Vandervoort/Savannah/HHI Evergreen State John Steele

Gateway New York North Central Florida
Oklahoma Orlando Rocky Mountain

Tampa Bay 1SG Leonard Fund Lozado-Rubio-Conde PR

John Towle MOH-ClevelandCincinnatiKentuckyMid-AmericaCentral New YorkAcadiana

Northern Arizona Central Ohio San Joaquin Valley
Greater Daytona Southern California Southern Arizona
CPL Edward Slavin Wolverine Lehigh Valley
West Palm Beach Virginia State Niagara Frontier
Central Pennsylvania Hampton Roads North Jersey

Don Lassen/Atlanta Greater Hartford COL Reuben Tucker Chicago South Florida GEN MB Ridgway

North Texas Washington DC Blue Ridge
508th Airborne Northeastern Pennsylvania West Virginia
Western Upper-Peninsula Low Country South Texas
Daniel Campbell Akron Greater Rochester

LTG James Gavin James Etherton/Detroit Vulcan

Jacksonville Benavidez-Patterson St. Michael's

5. NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS: There is only a little over a week left for Chapter nominations for National Directors. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by *1 July 2017*, either by mail or email. We will notify your Chapter when it is received. Chapter nominations must be certified by the Chapter Chairperson and must be in compliance with





Article V of the Association By-Laws (By-Laws can be viewed at our website at : http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/forms-and-resources.html

Nominations should include a brief description, 4-5 sentences, about the nominee. Please include the nominee's qualifications, past accomplishments, as well as what the nominee proposes to do for the Association, if elected.

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 completing their term in office (* indicates that the Director is eligible for nomination to a second 2-year term):

*Laurie Clay *Gary Covey *Steven C. Holcomb Ed. T. Herlihy Jose Perez-Ortiz Allen Schoppe

- **6. NATIONAL DIRECTORS SAMPLE BALLOT**: In accordance with Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2018 Board of Directors will be attached on our website under the "What's New" tab 30 days prior to the 2018 elections. Also posted on the Association website, under the "What's New" tab, will be the 2018 National Directors Nominations.
- 7. CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2017 CONVENTION: Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend the Convention by 31 July 2017.
 As outlined in Article IV, Section 6 of the Association By-Laws, the Association President can call a Delegates' meeting sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention date. In the past, Presidents have done this because there is ample time during AAW for the Delegates to discuss issues and formalize the presentation to be given to the Board of Directors during the Convention. The Delegates' meeting during the National Convention is to refresh everyone's memory and finalize the presentation. Delegates should be familiar with the Association and Education Fund By-Laws, Awards SOP, Convention SOP and National Bulletins, all of which are available on the Association website. Registration for Delegates to the Annual convention are sent to the local Chapter through the online or write in registration for the convention. Registration forms for both of these events can be found on the events tab of the Association website: http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html
- **8. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to Executive Director Bill Bauer, unless otherwise noted):
 - a. <u>Convention Agenda</u>: Requests for item(s) to be placed on the Agenda for the Board's review and action at the Convention must be submitted in writing and are due *1 July 2017*.





- b. <u>Communication & Public Relations Award Program</u>: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due *1 July 2017* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
- c. National Director Nominations: Nominations are due 1 July 2017.
- d. <u>82d All American of the Year</u>: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due *10 May 2017* to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
- e. Changes to By-Laws: Proposed changes and or amendments to Chapter or Association By-Laws should be submitted in the letter form stating that it is a change and or amendment to current By-Law, with the entire current By-Law, including its location in the by-laws, followed by the proposed change and or amendment, with the change portion highlighted. This will allow for the change and or amendment to be quickly recognized from the current law. Additions to By-Laws must state that it is an addition, and include where the addition would be placed within the By-Laws. For a proposed removal of a By-Law, it must include the By-Law and the proposed location of the By-Law. All proposed changes and or amendments, additions, or removals must be accompanied by the reasoning for the proposed change and or amendment, addition, or removal request. The proposed change and or amendment, addition, or removal request must be signed by the Chapter Chairperson. An example can be obtained from the National office upon request. Changes are *due 28 July 2017*.
- **9. SERVICE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES**: The Association Steering Committee may meet at the Convention. The time, date and location will be determined by the Committee Chairperson noted below:

Budget & Finances Website/ Automation

Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek Chairman Exec Dir – Bill Bauer

Ways & Means By-Laws

Nat'l Treas.- Dir Lawrence J. Slavicek, Chairman PP/Chair - Richard Becker

Insurance Bond Agent Convention Planning

Dir - Victor Mitchell, Chairman PP Bill Eberle, Chairman

Internal Affairs Public Relations

Dir Joe Steen, Chairman Dir – Steve Copening, Chairman





Chapter & Membership

Executive Dir - Bill Bauer

Historical

Mr. Robert Stonerock, Chairman

<u>Awards</u>

Dir – Gary Rezabek, Chairman

Western Area Coordinator

Past-Dir-Jose Aguayo

DOD LNO

SGM Eva Commons

Association Chaplain

CH(MAJ) David M Johnston III

Resolutions

Dir -Steve Holcomb, Chairman

Legislative LNO

Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

National Airborne Heritage Day

Past Dir – Gordon Sumner, Chairman

Monument Committee - Fort Benning

Mr. Rick Dalton

Business Development Committee

Mr. Neil Parkin - Chairman

Veteran Committee

Nat'l Sec. - Dir Laurie Clay, Chairwoman

10. E-NEWS BULLETIN: Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our e-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82nd Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this interesting and informative bulletin send us your email address so that we can add you to the list. Although we have had requests, we are only offering this benefit to our Association members. Sign up today and keep up to date on Airborne issues!

11. NEW NATIONAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

Executive Director Bill Bauer - execdir@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information from Chapters concerning questions from Chapter Chairmen, by-laws, by-law changes, Chapter start-ups or Chapter shut-downs, serious infractions by Association members, assistance from the National Office in running Chapter events, Chapter refunds for new and renewed memberships, donations, and any information the Chapter Chairmen deems necessary for the Executive Director's attention.

Executive Secretary Laura Bauer – execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org. This address is for information on Chapter financial statements, Chapter reports, Chapter events, TAPS submissions, arranging appointments, questions concerning our website, submission requests for items to be placed on our website, facebook and in the Paraglide (Not for submission of your Chapter Paraglide Article. They will continue to be sent to the Paraglide Editor), questions on All American Week registration, and any information that Chapters would like communicated to the entire Association.





Administrative Assistant Lory Johnston—<u>admin@82ndairborneassociation.org</u>. This address is for all information concerning membership. New membership, membership renewals, changes to membership information, submission of membership report changes, and any other information concerning membership.

- **12. WITHIN THE DIVISION AND FORT BRAGG**: Please visit the following 82d Airborne Division websites to find out what is happening within the Division and sign up for our E-News bulletin: http://www.dvidshub.net/image and http://www.dvidshub.net/image and http://www.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision
- **13. TAPS**: When reporting Members who have passed away, *please* include as much information as possible, to include, date of death, spouse's name, and unit(s) served. A copy of the obituary is also very helpful. Please do not send them just in the Newsletters. We try to read them all, but sometimes we miss information, and please do not assume that that is our notice of a Member's passing.
- **14. 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 following link:

 www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html. If you would like to have the Association President or Executive Director attend your event, please send an invitation to the National office in enough time for us to plan and we will do our best to attend.
 - a. <u>55th Annual All Ohio Airborne Days, 5-7 Oct 2017,</u> in Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by the John Towle MOH Cleveland Chapter. POC is Sean Jennings (Chairman) (440) 915-8223 or jennsea3@yahoo.com
- **15. STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATION DISCLAIMER:** The following are Disclaimers of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Inc. with regards to any Parachute jump activities, and the consumption of alcohol at Association and Chapter events:

Association Jump Activity Disclaimer

The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. is in no way affiliated with any civilian or private group, club, association or other type of organization that conducts parachute jumps. The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. does *not* sponsor, nor assume any liability for parachute or sport jumping organizations nor any of their activities, nor does it provide insurance coverage for anyone in any parachute jumping activity, to include being in attendance as a spectator or participating in any parachuting activity. Whereas members of the 82nd Airborne Division, Inc. may have members who belong to such organizations that perform parachute activities, those members are performing such activities outside of their membership in the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc., and will in no way portray or represent these activities as being sanctioned, approved, or in conjunction with or related to the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. The





Association insurance policy does not cover any liability for death, injuries, damages, medical expenses, or other losses resulting from parachute activities.

The Association will offer guidance on how its Chapters may obtain special insurance riders for any non-covered event or activity. Such insurance riders are the sole responsibility of each Chapter, who would contract for, pay for, and obtain such coverage by that separate Chapter. Obtaining or not obtaining such special insurance rider coverage shall in no way be the responsibility of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

Association Disclaimer for Alcohol Use at Chapter Events

The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc. is not engaged in the food and beverage industry and does not directly sell or furnish alcohol to its members and therefore carries limited alcohol or liquor liability insurance coverage, which is restricted to coverage only for its function as a host for national events of the Association.

The Association will offer guidance on how its Chapters may obtain special insurance riders for Chapter-sponsored events, whether the Chapter plans to host a hospitality suite with donated alcohol, or when alcohol is served by the hotel or other venue as part of a banquet or cash bar. Such insurance riders are the sole responsibility of each Chapter, who would contract for, pay for, and obtain such coverage by that separate Chapter. Obtaining or not obtaining such special insurance rider coverage shall in no way be the responsibility of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

Above disclaimers have been approved by Doug Andrews, Association Judge Advocate 6 May 2017

These activity restrictions are not new to the Association, but important to reiterate to all our chapters as they sponsor events. If you are unsure of any activity at an event, it is best to call and get a final answer from the National office rather than to assume it is covered and be proven wrong. With this being said, the 82nd Airborne Division Association Inc. events where alcohol is consumed will have riders to our insurance policy to allow for the consumption of alcohol.

- **16.** 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 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!
- 17. FACEBOOK PAGE: '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! We would love to receive pictures or information from the Chapters of events that they have hosted to share with our members!

President Herlihy and First Lady Joanne, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses wish to thank all Members for their service and look forward to seeing you at the "America's Guard of Honor"





71st Annual Convention. In addition, many of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers have deployed or are deploying this year and we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their Families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Ed T. Herlihy

National President

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OFFICIAL: BILL BAUER Executive Director