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- 1. REQUEST FOR NAMES OF 82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION WORLD WAR II VETERANS WHO CAN AND WANT TO TRAVEL:** The Association is trying to secure financing to support all travel expenses for any of our WW II, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Members that wish to attend the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association's 2019 Convention in Washington D.C. Please quickly get me the names of any of these WW II members who wish to and can travel to these events. In order to request support for the financing, we must know what our costs will be. Please let us know by phone at (910)223-1182 or by email at [execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org). Thank you for your assistance.
- 2. 2019 CONVENTION:** The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association will be hosted by the Washington, D.C. Chapter. As you know, this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, Operation Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. In honor of these Anniversaries, the Association will be tailoring our events to recognize our WW II Veterans and their contributions to our Nation and our Association. We will begin our 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention at the WW II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and events at Arlington National Cemetery. The week will also include several tours of the D.C. area, as well as our Memorial and Banquet dinners with special guests of the Association. To accommodate all the planned events, transportation, and location, this year's Convention fee will be \$150 per person, but will be worth every penny. Our D.C. Chapter has already gone to great efforts to ensure this year's Convention is an outstanding event and that it will be like no other Convention the Association has ever had. Join us in Washington, D.C. for this once in a lifetime event. We are hosting our Convention at the Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S ORME ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22204. For reservations, call directly to the hotel at (703) 521-1900 and specify that you are with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. The web link for the Sheraton Pentagon City is: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1544478501068&key=GRP&app=resvlink> The room rate is \$119 + tax and fees, for registered Convention Members. The flier and Hotel reservation information is available on our website under "Events" and on the D.C Chapter website. The Association does have rooms reserved, but book early because rooms will go fast and we don't want you to miss out on this event.
- 3. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2019:** 2019 will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, Market Garden, and Battle of the Bulge. Registration for AAW 2019 is open. This event is booking up quickly. Get your reservations NOW. The registration and flyer are published in the Paraglide and are available at our website under "Events". Our POC again will be Monica Wells at (910) 853-7624. The room rate is \$74+ tax for a regular room and \$78+ tax for a king room. The Association code to reserve rooms is AAW for Moon Hall and AAA for Hardy Hall. Remember, if you do not use the POC and reference the Association room code, you may be told that there are no rooms available or given a different price.

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Registration for AAW 2019 is on our website and can be paid for on-line, or can be done by write in registration which is located at the same link. The cost this year is \$110, per person.

This year at the Memorial Ceremony we will be remembering those fallen from the Pope Airfield Disaster. If you were involved or assisted in the medivac or recovery effort, and are attending AAW please let us know so that we can insure you are recognized at the ceremony.

**Auction Baskets:** During AAW this year, we will again 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.

- DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** As you can see the Association is working on numerous projects to better the lives of Active Duty Troopers and Veterans, but we can't do it without your help. Recently we had asked for support for the Troopers after the devastation of Hurricane Florence, and it was the Chapters and Members of the Association who were the first to react and support this project, giving us the ability to quickly react to their needs and support these Active Duty Families. The Families were extremely touched by the Association care for them and we at National were proud to represent all of you in presenting them with commissary gift cards. If the Association is to make any difference in the lives of the Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, we need funds to make it happen. Your continued support will greatly increase the Association's ability to support our Active Duty Troopers through the many Association programs, such as Hurricane Florence Troop Support, Holiday Troop Support, the All American Adventure, the Division food locker, and many more opportunities. If we don't support our Troopers, who will? Please help the Association in supporting our 82nd Airborne Division Troops. Any donation will help us. Thank you for your support.

To make a donation, PLEASE go to: <http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/index.html> and press the donate button in the upper right corner of the Association's Homepage or mail your donation to the National office at:

P.O. Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations made to the Association Ed Fund or the Wounded Warrior Fund go directly to the respective funds and do not support the Association General Fund. Therefore, it is necessary for the Association to obtain donations directly.

- CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2019:

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- a. Funding of WW II Veterans to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy (accomplish with corporate donations)
- b. Funding of WW II Veterans at 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. (accomplish with corporate and individual donations).
- c. All American Adventure sending 20 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers for 4 Day Trip to Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping to assist Troopers in reintegration after deployment (accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
- d. Holiday Troop Support provides 1000 meals to Troopers and their Families (accomplished through corporate, Chapter and individual donations).
- e. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year (accomplished through corporate donations).
- f. Free tracked wheelchair for 82<sup>nd</sup> Veteran with catastrophic injuries incurred in combat post 9/11 (accomplished through organization donation).
- g. Support for 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Memorial during AAW by providing wreath layers and water for the event. This year we have the honor of supplying and laying a wreath for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pope Airbase Disaster.

**6. CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW 2019 AND 2019 CONVENTION:** *If you want the opportunity to have your Chapter's concerns addressed at the Delegates' meeting, you must send in your Chapter delegate certification form. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2019 and the Convention by 26 July 2019.*

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 is available on the Association website. If the Chapters have any issues to be addressed at AAW, please submit a 2-3 sentence summary to the National Office by 1 May 2019. We will include these in the Delegates' agenda.

**7. NATIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** If you want to help shape our Association then make a difference by running for National Director. Chapter nominations for National Directors must be received at the National office by 1 June 2019, 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>)

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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.

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

Laurie Clay

\*Richard Becker

Steve Holcomb

\*Garfield Lyons

Gary Covey

Jose Perez-Ortiz

8. **ATTENDANCE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Act now to request the attendance of the Association President to your Chapter events. Please send invitations by mail or email and send a copy to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Officers in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Officer(s) and submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the Association. Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Officer(s) can plan ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).
9. **CHANGE IN CHAPTER OFFICERS:** When your Chapter elects new Officers please notify the National Office so that we can update our records. Elected Chapter Officers must be members in good standing and annual members must be current. Please provide Chapter Officer (EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES) to National annually so that we can update our files, the Paraglide and the Association website. Please be sure to give any newly elected Chairmen access to the Chapter email account. If there are any problems with gaining access, please contact the National Office for assistance.
10. **2018 & 2019 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES’ REPORTS:** Per the Association By-Laws, “a report of the dates and places of all meetings and activities held or sponsored by the Chapter” throughout the 2018 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2019 should arrive at the National Headquarters by 31 March, 2019. Thank you to those Chapters that have forwarded their reports. *These reports are not optional and are required annually by the IRS.*
11. **2018 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** 2018 Chapter Financial Statements, which are required to be furnished by all Association Chapters for inclusion in the Association Group Federal Income Tax Return, have been emailed to all Chapter Chairmen, or their designee, in mid-January 2019. *If your Chapter files separately, please notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman.* Statements are due to us by 10 April 2019.
12. **CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION and MERIT:** This is the time of year that Chapters recognize members or businesses for their support of the goals of the Association. You can request a Certificate through the National Office via email. The cost of the first Certificate is \$10.00, which includes shipping and handling. Each additional Certificate is \$5.00

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- 13. USE OF ASSOCIATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** Please use the membership application forms provided on our website rather than chapter specific forms. Chapter forms do not always relay the correct information and make it more difficult for processing membership. As of January 2019, we will not accept any documents other than those provided by the National office.
- 14. ONLINE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS:** The National office has posted documents on our webpage in the resources folder to assist the Chapters. These include forms for Chapter continuity and Chapter startup. Please look over these forms and use them as needed.
- 15. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES:** Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):
- a. Chapter Activities Report - 31 Mar 2019.
  - b. Financial reports - 10 Apr 2019.
  - c. Requests for Delegates at AAW 2019 - 1 May 2019.
  - d. 82d All American of the Year: Nominations must meet the criteria in the Awards SOP, which is available online via the Association website, and are due 2 May 2019 to Chairman/Director Ed Herlihy. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Herlihy.
  - e. National Director Nominations - 1 Jun 2019
  - f. 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 and are due 1 July 2019.
  - g. 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. Changes are due 1 Jul 2019.
  - h. Communication & Public Relations Award Program: Entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP and are due 1 July 2018 to Chairman/Director Gary Rezabek. Nominations can be sent to the National office and will be forwarded to Director Rezabek.
  - i. Requests for Delegates at Convention 2109 - 26 Jul 2019.
- 16. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD:** Check out the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association's co-branded cards. These cards display a Paratrooper under the silk on the front. It's a very nice card to have. To get a co-branded Association card, please call 855-755-8263 or go to [www.usaa.com/82nd](http://www.usaa.com/82nd) . If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.
- 17. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who have shared their email address with the Association receive our E-news bulletin which contains informative articles about the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, the Airborne community, the Military, Veterans issues, and even Association related articles and information. If you don't already receive this important

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and informative bulletin, please 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!

- 18. 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.bragg.army.mil/82nd/pages/default.aspx>. Also, don't forget to check out the Division's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
- 19. ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS:** *Support our Chapters.* 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/or on the Association's website at the following link [www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html](http://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. Airborne Awards Festival, 3-6 April, 2019 in Columbus, GA is hosted by the Atlanta All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Ji Jenkins at 770-564-3546 or Al Fracker at 770-841-4354. The host hotel is Hilton Garden Inn in Columbus, GA, reservations 706-660-1000..
  - b. 57<sup>th</sup> Annual All Ohio Days, 11-13 October 2019 in Lockburne, Ohio is hosted by the Central Ohio All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Andrew Ritter at 937-570-5603 or Tom Simmons at 910-987-7467. The host hotel is Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus at Sciota Downs in Lockburne, reservations 614-491-3800.
  - c. Hilton Head Weekend, 19-22 October 2019 in Hilton Head, South Carolina is hosted by the Ben Vandervoort Savannah/HHI All Airborne Chapter. The POC is Bill Eberle at 843-682-4171; email - [airborneben@hargray.com](mailto:airborneben@hargray.com). The host hotel is the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa. HOTEL RESERVATIONS 888-511-5086, <http://cwp.marriott.com/hhhgr/82ndairborne/>
- 20. COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN:** *Please help!* Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact local businesses for tax deductible donations for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Education Fund. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Educational Fund benefits our Dependent Children and young Paratroopers who have recently left the service and is a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code.
- 21. 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Let's make our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 73<sup>rd</sup> National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found on our website under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

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**22. FACEBOOK PAGE:** ‘Like Us’ at <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/>. *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 Rezabek, 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 All American Week and the 73rd Annual Convention!

We especially want to thank all our members for their service and helping the Association have another successful year. Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! In addition, we ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. At any given time, there are those of our Armed Forces deployed to secure our freedom and to help those in need. We wish them a safe return.

Gary Rezabek  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
Bill Bauer  
Executive Director

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