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PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM INFORMED

1. **76th ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association 76th Annual Convention will be 10-13 August 2022, at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida. The Association has held numerous Conventions at this awesome Hotel and Convention Center in the past and we are happy to be returning. Association registration and instructions for registering at the hotel will be posted to our website and be announced in our October 2021 National Bulletin.
2. **ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2021:** The 82nd Airborne Division Association will not be sponsoring any AAW 2021 events. The Division will only be holding the following events for 2021: Memorial Ceremony, Gold Star Luncheon (Gold Star Families only), and the Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, all held on 18 Nov 2021. Hall of Fame Induction and Division Run on 19 Nov 2021. The Association will not be taking any registrations or making any hotel arrangements for Members. For those who have registered for AAW 2021, we will hold your registration for AAW 2022 or provide you a refund. For those who keep their registrations, you will not incur any additional charges if there is an increase to the Association registration for 2022. For everyone else, we will begin taking registrations for AAW 2022 in Oct 2021, and all details will follow. We apologize for any inconvenience this has created for our Members and look forward to everything getting back to normal operations. Thank you for your patience.
3. **MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021 REMAIN THE SAME:** The Board of Directors approved the following Membership dues in 2020, and there are no changes for 2021. The 82nd Airborne Division Association Membership dues:
 - a. There is no longer be a maintenance fee on the All-American Membership. The All-American Membership will be \$350, with no additional fees after 5 years, as had previously been dictated in 2019. This will also apply to anyone who obtained an All-American Membership while the fee was enacted. Plainly stated, no one will be charged a maintenance fee for their All-American Membership, no matter when they obtained their Membership.
 - b. The Annual Membership dues for Association Members remain \$35.
 - c. The Membership dues for Active Duty Members currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division:
 - All-American Membership \$82 for E-1 to E-4.
 - All-American Membership \$150 for E-5 to E-7 and W-1 & W-2 and O-1 to O-3.
 - All-American Membership \$350 for all others: E-8 and E-9, W-3 and above, and O-4 and above.
 - The first year of an Annual Membership for Active Duty, currently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, will remain **FREE**. All following Annual Active Duty Membership dues will remain at \$35.

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4. **DONATIONS TO GENERAL FUND:** We are asking for help from our Members in working through the cancellation of our Association events. These cancellations have caused the Association the loss of fund-raising opportunities, and we are asking for your help, through donations, to help make up for these losses of funds. Several Association Chapters have stepped up to the challenge and provided needed funding support to the Association. I want to remind you that all of the projects that the Association is hoping to continue in 2021 and 2022 will take funding and you know the huge importance and value in continuing these projects. With your help, we can continue to realize the success of all our upcoming projects that will continue to show our support to the Troopers and Families of our 82nd Airborne Division.

5. **DONATIONS TO THE “HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT”:** We are once again gearing up for our “Holiday Troop Support” program which will provide Holiday meals to 500 82nd Airborne Division Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday and 500 meals for the Christmas Holiday. This project has been a huge success over the past five years and we accomplished our goal of providing 1000 meals over the Holiday season. Please send donations so that we can provide these meals over the Holiday Season. For those who would like to donate, please send a check or you can use the donate button on our website. This program is one of our most successful and has a direct impact on the lives of our Troopers and their Families. Thank you for your support.



6. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR SELECTION:** On 14 August 2021, the following Director Nominees were selected to be part of the 2022 Board of Directors:

- Director William Bell (Gen. Dennis L. Via All Airborne Signal Chapter)
- President Steven Copening (Central PA Chapter)
- Steven Daugherty (Washington D.C. Chapter)
- Director Maggie Peppers (Donald Lassen/Atlanta All Airborne Chapter)
- Director Nero Tucker (Vulcan Chapter)
- Director William Waller (Kentucky All Airborne Chapter)

7. **NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2022:** The following will assume/continue office effective 1 January 2022:

- a. President Steven Copening was re-elected.
- b. Vice President Gary Covey was re-elected.
- c. National Secretary Maggie Peppers was re-elected.
- d. National Treasurer William Waller was re-elected.

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 to the Executive Director. Requests for participation of National Director(s) in Chapter or Regional events should be coordinated with the respective Director(s). Please allow as much lead time as possible so that the Director(s) can plan



ahead. Please remember that all events can be published in the Paraglide and on the Association website (Events).

9. **MINUTES AND DELEGATE QUESTIONS FOR 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The Minutes for the General Membership meeting, the BOD meeting, and answers to the questions posed by the 14 delegates at the 2021 Annual Convention will be posted on our website under the “Forms and Resources” link under the Quick links tab. Minutes will be posted by the end of September 2021.
10. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2022 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award must be received by 1 July 2022. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org
11. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2021:
 - a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division KIAs, and WIAs:** Provide assistance to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82nd Trooper.
 - b. **Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82nd Airborne Divisions Jumpmaster, Non-Commissioned Officer, and Trooper of the Year at our annual dinner during All American Week (AAW). On the final evening of AAW, the Leadership and Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division join the 82nd Airborne Division Association Members as we present these outstanding Troopers with awards to recognize their accomplishments (accomplished through Association and corporate donations).
 - c. **4th Annual All American Adventure 2021:** The plan is to send twenty 82nd Airborne Division Troopers on a 4-day resiliency trip to the Catskill Mountains for fishing, hiking, biking and numerous other activities. Aimed at helping Troopers in reintegration after deployment, this project uses donations from Association Members and Chapters, and Corporate sponsorship to accomplish this project. This trip usually takes place in June, provided we are able to secure funding for our Troopers. Help us in providing an avenue to assist our 82nd Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.

All American Adventure 2019
 - d. **Support for deployed Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division:** Our Association stands ready to provide support to our Deployed Troopers as they protect our Nation. The more donations we receive, the more we can do to support our Troopers while they are deployed. Help us show these Troopers our gratitude for their sacrifices.



- e. **Holiday Troop Support 2021:** This year will be our 6th Annual “Holiday Troop Support” and we will again provide over 1000 meals to young Troopers and their Families over the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to insure the Families of young 82nd Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



12. ASSOCIATION SUSPENSES/DEADLINES: Please note the following Association deadlines (all information should be sent to the Executive Director, unless otherwise noted):

- a. **1 February 2022** – Chapter Officers for 2022. Update if Officers change within the year of 2022. (click or go to link for form <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>)
- b. **1 February 2022** - 2021 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2022 Chapter Schedule. (click or go to link for form <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>)
- c. **10 April 2022** - Chapter financial reports due to National Office (emailed to each Chapter’s email account in January).
- d. **1 June 2022** - Nominations for 2022 National Director.
- e. **1 July 2022** – Nominations for All American of the Year 2022 Award.
- f. **1 July 2022** - Communication & Public Relations Award Program entries must comply with the Communications and Public Awards Program SOP.
- g. **1 May 2022** - Delegate Certification for All American Week 2022 (click or go to link for form <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/28.-delegate-certification.pdf>)
- h. **20 July 2022** – Delegate Certification for National Convention 2022 (click or go to link for form <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/28.-delegate-certification.pdf>).

13. ASSOCIATION/CHAPTER 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.

- a. Veterans Day Activities, November 9 – 11, 2021 in Arlington, VA is hosted by the Washington DC and COL Reuben H. Tucker Chapters. The host hotel is the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 Orme Street, Arlington, VA. Hotel reservations (800) 325-3535 reservation code: 82nd Vets Day). POC Bill Bauer 910-223-1182. Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html>
- b. Kentucky Airborne Reunion, 17-19 Feb 2022 in Lexington, KY is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Lexington, 2601 Richmond, KY 40509, (859) 268-0060. Reservation code is “Kentucky Airborne Reunion”. POC is Bill Waller (502) 396-4770 or Kentucky@82ndairborneassociation.org.

14. 2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED): DEADLINE: **1 February 2022.** The list of the Chapter Officers that will be serving in the year of 2022 should include, name, position and contact information. *If your Chapter elects Officers within the year of 2022, you must notify the National Office immediately so that we can update our records.* We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form:



<https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form. **The completed list must be submitted every year whether there are changes or not.**

- 15. 2021/2022 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED):** DEADLINE: 1 February 2022. 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 2021 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2022, is a requirement. We have created a standard form (click or go to link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that form.
- 16. CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS:** All requests to the Chapters for “REQUIRED CHAPTER DOCUMENTS” are **not optional** and are required for the Chapters to maintain their non-profit 501(c)4 status. Any Chapter that does not submit the required documents will be reported to the Board of Directors, and is subject to closure by the Board of Directors. There are only a few required documents required to be submitted every year by the Chapter Chairman, and they must be completed. *We have created a standard form for all required annual reports. Please use only that form, which is available on our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>*. If the necessary information is not included in the reports, the Chapter will be asked to resubmit with the required information.
- 17. E-NEWS BULLETIN:** *Get Army and Airborne related news directly to your emails!* Members who insure they shared their email address with the Association will 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 links to our Bulletins, the Paraglide Magazine, and Flyers and Registration forms for Association Event. If you are not receiving the E-news bulletin to your email just send us your email address and we will 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 Army and the Division, sign up for our E-News bulletin and go to the Division’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAirborneDivision>
- 19. 2021 ASSOCIATION ALUMNI PUBLICATION:** *The book has been released and shipped to Members who have purchased the Alumni Book 2021.* If you have any questions concerning your purchase or are still interested in purchasing the book, you can contact the publisher directly at 1-800-982-1590 or send email to: customerservice@publishingconcepts.com
- 20. OPERATION BOURBON: STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE** - The 82nd Airborne Division Association has designed and sponsored an 82nd Airborne Division bourbon bottle. It is available through Boundary Oak Distillery. It is an awesome dedication to the Division and has already sold over 30,000 bottles. The White Wax seal bottles are currently on sale. You now have the opportunity to collect the Red, White, and Blue versions of the bottles, which are the National flag colors, and also the colors of the 82nd Airborne Division.



To order call:
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21. 82d AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION USAA CREDIT CARD: Check out the 82nd 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 . When applying online, once you are approved for a card, you will be given the choice of adding the Airborne design. If you use a credit card, please choose the card that supports the Association.

22. 8th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE: We have begun our 8th Annual 50/50 Raffle. Let's make our 8th Annual 50/50 Raffle even more successful than the previous years. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 13 August 2022, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 76th 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, on the main page, and under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

23. FACEBOOK PAGE: 'Like Us' at: <https://www.facebook.com/82ndAssociation/> *This is the ONLY official Facebook page of the Association.* We do not allow political comments, bad language, bullying, and verbal attacks on anyone. Anyone making these types of posts will be deleted.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: President Copening, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish to thank all Members for their service, and thank you for continuing the Airborne Spirit in your local communities. Please work to increase the Membership of your Chapter by displaying the Airborne Spirit through participation in local fundraising and work in bettering your local communities. We hope to see you at the Veterans Day Activities in Arlington, VA.

Our success would not be possible without the support and assistance of our members! It is an honor to serve in this outstanding Association with all of you and we wish you continued health and safety. We ask that you continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers. We wish them a safe return.

Steve Copening
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director