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

1. NEW ASSOCIATION MASS EMAIL CAPABILITY TO MEMBERS: In our efforts to best keep all of our Members informed, the 82nd Airborne Division Association National Office now has the capability of emailing directly to all of our Members that have provided email addresses to the Association. You may already have received our Happy Holiday email message sent on 13 Dec 2022, as well as one sent with information regarding the 2023 Convention on 29 January 2023. If you did not receive it, it is because we do not have an updated email for you. Chairmen, please check with the members you have contact with and ensure they received the email from the National Office, and if not, ask them to update their email address with the National Office.

2. 77th ANNUAL CONVENTION: The information regarding registration and events and the hotel for the 77th Annual Convention in Washington, DC has been emailed to our Members and is on our website at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or scan the QR code to go to the Association Events page.



Event QR Code



It will be a great convention that celebrates our Army and Airborne Heritage as well as honoring the service of our Fallen. It also leaves plenty of time for comradery with our Airborne Family. Join us in an amazing Airborne week and support the Washington, DC Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.



3. ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2023: The AAW 2023 is 22 – 25 May 2023. Registration is \$150 per person, and will increase to \$175 per person after May 5, 2023, for late registration, so register early! The registration fee includes the Association Dinner Social on Thursday, 25 May, the Fayetteville Picnic Lunch (at the Fayetteville Clubhouse) on Monday, 22 May and a Southern style BBQ Dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter on Wednesday, 24 May, at Moon Hall, as well as soft drinks and beer in the hospitality room at Moon Hall from 22 - 25 May. Registration forms and online registration are available on our website: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or scan the QR code (No. 2 above) to go to the Association Event page.



Upon arrival, be sure to check in and pick up your registration packet at the Association Registration Desk located in one of the suites on the 1st floor at Moon Hall.

Hotel reservations have been arranged, *for registered Association members only*, at IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn - Moon Hall). The Registered Member rates are \$89.00/night for a standard queen (up to 2 people per room) + tax and includes a buffet breakfast. Rooms for individuals with disabilities are available upon request. Members should contact the hotel directly for reservations and questions regarding

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rooms: IHG Army Hotel (Airborne Inn-Moon Hall), Bldg. D-3601 Darby Loop, Fort Bragg NC 28310 (910) 853-7624 (POC Ms. Monica Wells) lhgarmyhotels.com, Group code: AAW.

If you have not paid your separate registration fee with the Association, you will not receive the discounted hotel rates, nor be able to stay in our block of rooms! There will be no transportation provided to or from the airport. Taxi service and Uber/Lyft is available.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at AAW. A great time will be had by all and you don't want to miss this!

- 4. DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND:** There are many Members who say “Why donate to the 82nd Association Fund”? Here is why. The Association works to keep Membership costs as low as possible. Because of this, it may surprise you that the Association only makes \$38,570.16 annually on membership. Only \$38,570.16.

Here is a breakdown some of the operating costs incurred by the National Office:

Insurance - \$10,645.10. Telephones - \$3,107.82. Utilities - \$1,467.96. Accountant (includes having the taxes completed annually for the Chapters) - \$18,560. Payroll taxes - \$8,523.69. So far, we are already over what we make for memberships and we have not even gone into our events, salaries, etc.... All expenses add up to \$202,011.13. The total expenses include all the projects the Association undertakes to support our 82nd Troopers (Holiday Troop Support, All American Adventure, awards to Troopers, support to deployed Troopers, funding to support Troopers and families in extortinary circumstances).

So, you might ask “where do we get the money to do all this?” The answer is simple, but not easy to do. We work hard at donations. We work very hard at bringing in donations, and to be truthful, most of our members do not give anything annually to help us complete our mission, and to support the Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Not a single cent. Why? We have heard “the Association does not need money”, and this is not true. Of all the funds the Association has, the general fund is the only one that incurs expenses, and ensures the success of all of our funds. Look over our financial reports. We are not spending funds on anything extraordinary and we spend less than most Divisional Associations, but somehow their membership donates more. We talk a lot about how great the Airborne is, but we do nothing to ensure our Association is greater than the others. Somehow Members feel that being a Member of the Association is about having a membership card and not about being a supportive member of the Association.

Some Members support the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund and Wounded Warrior Fund and that is great, but how effective will those organizations be if the 82nd Association goes away? And, even those funds aren't getting the funding they should from our Members. We do have Members and Chapters that do a great job of supporting our mission and helping us in supporting our projects, but how many of you out there have not supported the Association in years? We call this our Association, but many are not helping to ensure its success. We have Membership that asks why we are not doing more to support Troopers and even Chapters that ask why we do not give more to the Chapters. We ask “where is the money going to come from to do these things if no one wants to support the Association”. It is not like the old days when the Troopers of the Division were all influenced to join the Association. That went away almost two decades ago. We also have those who ask “why they don't still pressure Troopers to join”. Why would we look to young Troopers to support our Association? That's the best reason for not pressuring Troopers, but also a good reason, is that it was never a good thing. Keeping the Association



going by getting money from Privates was never good or fair. Association Members should be the ones to support our Association. If you look at our history, it was our WW II Members who supported the start of the Association, and made all donations by the Association.

We are not asking for large amounts of funds, but if every Member gave even \$10 a year it would go a long way toward the success of the Association. We can continue to say “I paid my membership already, the Association owes me”, but the \$82 you paid 2 or more decades ago is long gone. We have to stop looking for reasons not to support our Association and help with any support we can. This is our Association and we need to be the ones who make it a success. If we don’t support our Association, we should not be surprised if one day the support to Troopers begins to fade away, and our events start to go away, and possibly someday our Association goes away.

By the way, most of our funds come from those outside the Association! Non-Members who have chosen to support the important mission of our Association. It should bother us as Members that non-members do more for our Association than we ourselves do. Support your 82nd Airborne Division Association now. Show our Troopers that you care about the supporting them.

Please go to our website or click on the following link:

<https://82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html> and donate anything you can to the General Fund or send a check to our office, PO Box 87482, Fayetteville, NC 28304. We are okay, but we should be so much more than just okay. We are the 82nd Airborne Division Association and should be great. But we will only ever be great if our Members choose to support us in being great.

5. HOLIDAY TROOP SUPPORT 2022: On 22 November and 13 December, the Association conducted our Holiday Troop Support event



providing a total of 1,000 packaged meals to 82nd Troopers and their Families. It was a HUGE SUCCESS thanks to all the donations of our local Chapters and individual Members. We could not have accomplished this event without your support. Your donations truly made a difference



in the lives of our 82nd Troopers and their Families during the Holiday Season. Thank you for your Amazing Airborne Spirit. We would also like to thank members of the Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter for their support and for coming to Fort Bragg and assisting with the Thanksgiving Holiday Troop Support event.

6. 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 2023, 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.



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):

Steve Copenig
Nero Tucker

Steven Daughtery
William Waller

William Bell
Maggie Peppers

7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO AAW AND 2023 CONVENTION:** As per the 82nd Airborne Division Association By-Laws, Article IV, Section 7, the Chapter Chairman or a designated representative must attend Delegate meetings of the Association. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2023 and the Convention by 20 July 2022. If you are unable to send a delegate you must receive an excusal from the Association President. To receive an excusal, you can send a request for excusal to the National Office and we will submit to the President for approval. Chapter Officers are reminded to designate their Delegate(s) to attend AAW by 1 May 2023 and the Convention by 20 July 2023. Delegate forms can be obtained on our website in the Chapter Continuity link, under Forms and Recourses on the Quick Links button. Forms and Resources are located at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>
8. **ASSOCIATION AWARDS COMMITTEE:** The Association Awards Committee Chairman, Director Nero Tucker, is accepting submissions for the 2023 All American of the Year, and the Communications and Public Relations Award. The submissions must be received by 1 July 2023. All submissions can be sent to Director Nero Tucker at: tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org
9. **NEW ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES:** In our efforts to make a greater difference in the lives of our 82nd Airborne Division Troopers and their Families, our Association is providing more educational scholarships to our 82nd Airborne Family. In coordination with the 82nd Airborne Division Association, we have initiated the 82nd Fallen Trooper Family Fund to provide scholarships to Spouses of Troopers lost while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. For more information, and applications, go to: www.82FTFF.org . If you know a spouse that this scholarship could help, please direct them to this website. “We Will Not Forget”.

We are also providing scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers Killed In Action (KIA), Killed In Training (KIT), or In Line Of Duty (ILOD), while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. We can also provide scholarships to Spouses and Children of Troopers with a service connected disability. All these scholarships relate to Troopers serving post 9/11. For more information, you can contact our National Office.

We are also able to provide support to children and spouses of Members who are collecting disability through the Veterans Administration. These scholarship funds are in addition to the 82nd Airborne Division Association Education Fund and you may be eligible for both scholarships. Notify our office if you have questions.

10. **CURRENT PROJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION:** This is a list of some of the Projects the Association has approved for working on in 2023:



- a. **Support for Families of 82nd Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82nd Airborne Division 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. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82nd Fallen Trooper Fund.
- 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 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. **All American Adventure 2023:** 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

- 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 2023:** This will be our 8th 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.



11. 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. Kentucky Airborne Reunion, February 16-18, 2023 in Lexington, KY is hosted by the Kentucky Airborne Chapter. The host hotel is the Quality Inn, 1938 Stanton Way, Bldg A, Lexington KY (Hotel reservations: 859-413-2765. Additional information can be found at: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html> or <https://www.kentuckyairborne.org/events.html> POC is Bill Waller 502-396-4770.

12. 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).

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

- a. 1 February 2023 – Chapter Officers for 2023. **PAST DUE.**
- b. 1 February 2023 – 2022 Chapter Year End Activities Report and 2023 Chapter Schedule. **PAST DUE.**
- c. 10 April 2023 – 2022 Chapter financial reports.
- d. 1 May 2023 - AAW Delegate
- e. 1 June 2023 – Nominations for 2024 National Director
- f. 1 July 2023 – All American of the Year and Public Relations Award Nominations
- g. 20 July 2023 - Convention Delegate

The Officer and Year End Reports, as well as the 2022 Financial Statement (required documents) were emailed to the Chapter email address in January 2023 and can also be found on our website - Forms and Resources: <https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/assets/required-annual-chapter-reports.pdf>

14. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHAPTERS: Chapters need to be cautious when using images, cartoons, etc., that are found on the internet, on your websites, newsletters, etc. If it has a copyright, you can be leaving yourselves open to litigation. This has happened to a Chapter recently and we hope to avoid other Chapters from having to deal with this issue. Always search to ensure items do not have a copyright prior to using.

15. 2023 CHAPTER OFFICERS (REQUIRED): DEADLINE: **1 February 2023. PAST DUE.** The list of the Chapter Officers that will be serving in the year of 2023 should include, name, position and contact information. *If your Chapter elects Officers within the year of 2023, 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.**

16. 2022/2023 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES REPORTS (REQUIRED): DEADLINE: **1 February 2023. PAST DUE.** 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 2022 year, and a “tentative” schedule of the Chapter’s meetings and activities for 2023, is a requirement. We have created a standard form (click or go to the link for form: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/resources.html>). Please use only that format.

17. 2021 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED): DEADLINE: **10 April 2023.** 2022 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 the Chapter email accounts in January 2023. Your financial statements are due to the National Office by 10 April 2023. If your Chapter files separately, you must notify the National Office on Chapter letterhead signed by the Chapter Chairman, stating that the Chapter has filed their taxes separately from the Association. The financial statements can be emailed to execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org or mailed to the office.

18. CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS: As we come to the New Year, there are required Chapter documents that must be sent to the National Office, and the suspense dates are posted in paragraphs 13, 15, 16, and



17. **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 be subject to closure by the Board of Directors. There are only a few 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 or the standardized reports are not used, the Chapter will be asked to resubmit with the required information or on the correct form.

19. **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!

20. **9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Tickets for our 9th Annual 50/50 Raffle will be available on our website shortly. The drawing will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2023, at the Airborne Heritage Banquet during our 77th National Convention. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to enter! Raffle tickets can be found, when available, on our website, on the main page, and under Events and can be mailed to the National Office.

21. **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>

22. **82nd 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.

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 and Mrs. Covey, together with the Past Presidents, Officers and Directors of the Association and their spouses, wish to thank all Members for their service and wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day.





Please continue to keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers as our Troopers deploy to do our Nation's missions. We wish them a safe return.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Covey".

Gary Covey
National President

OFFICIAL:
Bill Bauer
Executive Director