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

- 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:** The information regarding registration and events and the hotel for the 77<sup>th</sup> 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 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association.



- ALL AMERICAN WEEK (AAW) 2023:** AAW 2023 was a huge success



and amazing opportunity to link back to our 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. The Division welcomed back their Veterans with an awesome array of events that included the Old Timers Breakfast, Memorial Ceremony, Hall of Heroes Induction, Division Review, and many more. It was great opportunity for our Veterans to march in the pass and review with the Division, and be recognized by all in attendance.



- DONATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND:** The Association continues to need your support to remain capable of maintaining the Association. Our Association needs the support of our members to remain capable of honoring our history and assisting our 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers. Help us to keep our Association successful by supporting our Association. Donate now to your Association!

Donate anything you can by going to our website: <https://82ndairborneassociation.org/donate.html> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association and should be great, not okay. But we will only be great if our Members choose to support us in being great.

- 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>)

*“America’s Guard of Honor”*

AFRICA SICILY ITALY FRANCE THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM GERMANY  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC VIETNAM GRENADA PANAMA PERSIAN GULF AFGHANISTAN IRAQ



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 Copening  
Nero Tucker

\*Steven Daugherty  
William Waller

William Bell  
Maggie Peppers

5. **NATIONAL DIRECTORS SAMPLE BALLOT**: In accordance with Association By-Laws, a sample ballot for the selection of six (6) National Directors for the 2024 Board of Directors will be attached on our website under the “What’s New” tab 30 days prior to the 2023 elections. Also posted on the Association website, under the “What’s New” tab, will be the 2023 National Directors Nominations.

6. **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 – William Waller  
Internal Affairs – Maggie Peppers  
Historical – Vacant  
Public Relations – Maggie Peppers  
Awards – Nero Tucker  
Chapter & Membership – Bill Bauer  
Legislative LNO – Gordon Sumner

Ways & Means – Michael Oesch  
Development Committee – Charlie Rash  
By-Laws – Joseph Steen  
Convention Planning – Bill Bauer  
Resolutions – William Bell  
Website & Automation – Bill Bauer  
National Airborne Heritage Day – Gordon Sumner

7. **CHAPTER DELEGATES TO 2023 CONVENTION**: As per the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 Convention by 20 July 2023. 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 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 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](mailto:tucker@82ndairborneassociation.org)

**9. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Fallen Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and WIAs:** Assistance to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association Wounded Warrior Fund through direct response to needs of Families immediately following the loss or injury of an 82<sup>nd</sup> Trooper. Provide educational scholarships to Spouses and Children of Fallen Troopers through the 82<sup>nd</sup> Fallen Trooper Fund.

**b. Recognition of the Jumpmaster, NCO, and Trooper of the Year:** Every year our Association recognizes the accomplishments of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division join the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers in their resiliency during their redeployment process.



**d. Support for deployed Troopers of the 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Troopers have bountiful Holiday meals over the Holiday Season.



**10. 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](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/events.html).

**a. NONE SCHEDULED**



- 11. 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).
- 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 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. **PAST DUE.**
  - d. 1 June 2023 – Nominations for 2024 National Director. **PAST DUE.**
  - e. 1 July 2023 – All American of the Year and Public Relations Award Nominations
  - f. 20 July 2023 - Convention Delegate
- 13. 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.
- 14. CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS:** There are required Chapter documents that must be sent to the National Office. All required reports are listed in this bulletin and are referenced as **REQUIRED**. **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 was emailed to your Chapter email in January 2023 and 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.
- 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. **These documents 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. 2022 CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (REQUIRED): DEADLINE: 10 April 2023. PAST DUE.** 2022 Chapter Financial Statements, which are *required* to be furnished by all Association, have been emailed to the Chapter email in January 2023. **If you have NOT submitted your report to National, you must now file separately**, and at the cost of the chapter. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Chapters that fail to file tax returns with the IRS are subject to having the Board of Directors remove their Charter, and close the Chapter. After 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 notifications can be emailed to [execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org](mailto:execsec@82ndairborneassociation.org) or mailed to the office. Any Chapter not following these procedures are liable to have their Chapter Charter removed.

Below is a list of all Association Chapters. Those that are highlighted in yellow have returned their completed 2022 Financial Statement to the National Office:

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| ISG Funk MOH                      | 307 <sup>th</sup> ENG BN    | 508 Airborne              |
| Acadiana                          | Akron                       | Alvin C York              |
| Badger State                      | Ben Vandervoort             | Blue Ridge AA             |
| Cal-Nevada AA                     | Central NY AA               | Central Ohio AA           |
| Central PA                        | Chicago                     | Cohort                    |
| COL Reuben Ticker                 | Cornhusker                  | CPL Edward Slavin         |
| CSM Ray Verdugo Memorial          | Daniel Campbell AA          | Don Lassen/Atlanta AA     |
| Evergreen State                   | Gateway                     | GEN Dennis Via Signal AA  |
| GEN M B Ridgway                   | Golden Gate                 | Greater Daytona AA        |
| Greater Hartford                  | Greater Rochester NY AA     | Hajdak/Mokan Philadelphia |
| Hampton Roads All Service         | Idaho AA                    | Jacksonville AA           |
| James Etherton Detroit            | John Steele                 | John Towle MOH-Cleveland  |
| Kentucky Airborne                 | Lehigh Valley               | London Bridge             |
| Low Country AA                    | Lozado/Rubio/Conde-PR       | LTG James Gavin           |
| Mid-America                       | Mid-Michigan                | NJ CPL Steven Koch AA     |
| New York                          | Niagara Frontier AA         | Northern Central FL AA    |
| North Texas                       | Northeastern PA             | Northern Michigan AA      |
| Oklahoma AA                       | Orlando AA                  | Phoenix-Joseph Schwan     |
| Rocky Mountain                    | Benavidez-Patterson AA      | San Diego AA              |
| San Joaquin Valley                | SGT Chris Pusateri AA       | South Florida AA          |
| South Texas                       | Southern Arizona            | Southern Wisconsin        |
| Space Coast AA                    | St. Michael's AA            | Tampa Bay AA              |
| Texas Lone Star                   | Tillman Beikes Indianapolis | Toledo                    |
| Virginia State                    | Vulcan                      | Walter Hughes/Tri-State   |
| Washington DC                     | West Virginia AA            | Western Upper Peninsula   |
| Wolverine AA                      | Lew Millett MOH Memorial    | Northern Arizona AA       |
| Andrews Bostick Grimes Central TX |                             |                           |

**18. 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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!

- 19. 9th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION 50/50 RAFFLE:** Tickets for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 50/50 Raffle are available on our website [2023-50-50-raffle-ticket.pdf \(82ndairborneassociation.org\)](https://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/2023-50-50-raffle-ticket.pdf) and in the Spring 2023 Paraglide. 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 on our website at the link above or can be mailed to the National Office.
- 20. 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>
- 21. 82nd 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) . 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. 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 everyone a Happy Mother’s Day, a Happy Father’s Day and a safe and happy summer.



Our success would not be possible without the support 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 hope to see you soon at our National Convention in August. As always, 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.

Gary L. Covey  
National President

OFFICIAL:  
Bill Bauer  
Executive Director