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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Fellow Troopers,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back to the more hectic pace of life in and around the big city. I trust all enjoyed the summer period and spent some time with family and friends. Now that school is back in session and the traditional vacation season has passed, it's time for us to get back to work. My thanks to all who continue to contribute their time and energies in support of our chapter. Dick Yates was our official man on the scene for both the Convention and All American week activities this year. I look forward to his report to the Chapter and hope that several of you all were able to join him. I appreciate the work done in support of Memorial Day activities and Funk luncheon, the annual picnic, our visit with the British paratroopers and the Andrews Open House. We have lots going on this fall – membership drive, monthly meetings resuming and a variety of business I believe we need to address for the upcoming year, not the least of which is the identification of new officers. Of course, we are all looking forward to the annual Christmas gathering this year. Skip always does a superb job on our behalf and I look to this event as another Chapter highlight. I would be remiss if I didn't mention two very somber and significant activities. We all will remember September 11 in our own ways, as part of the office, with families and friends, or in our own thoughts and prayers. We remain a country still at war and vigilant now on our home shores. Indeed, much has changed. We also continue to observe the departure of our comrades in arms and concern ourselves with the health of our friends. I ask that we remember them as well. This is a great country we all continue to serve. I ask your continued support of the Chapter. I know I can count on your support to our country. Thanks for all you continue to do.

Airborne All the Way!! Greg

From the Secretary:

Our many Spring and summer activities of Armed Forces Day, hosting the British Paras, CMH recipient Leonard Funk Luncheon/ Memorial Ceremony, the L. Funk Scholarship Award, the Annual Chapter Picnic/US Army Band Concert in Charles Town, West Virginia, and the 56th National Convention had great member participation and all were very successful.

The Washington DC Chapter's winter activities include our support of the AUSA 10-mile Run, October 24th 0600 hours at the Pentagon Building starting line. We have 20 volunteers, but could use a few more. On Veterans Day, November 9, 10, and 11th in conjunction with the R. Tucker Chapter we will operate the 82nd Airborne Division Association's Hospitality Suite, assist in wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery, Vietnam and Korean Memorials. The final chapter event of the year will be the December Installation of Officers/Christmas Banquet at the Fort Myer Officers Club.

The Chapter was well represented at the 56th National Convention. The Chapter's Delegate representing Chairman Greg Beach was Dick Yates assisted by Bud Dutton, Geri Porter, Paul and Elaine Mentzer. We all agreed, Norfolk is a great location for a convention. Last year we earned the Association's Membership Excellence Award. This year we missed qualifying for the award by three new members, but we did qualify for the 2002 Membership Certificate of Achievement. This award was presented to Bud Dutton during the General Membership Meeting.

Two of our members passed away in August. All American member Raymond J. Costanzo Sr. died August 19th. Raymond, a WWII 82nd Infantryman later became the Superintendent of Arlington Cemetery. As Superintendent, he was very helpful in placing the many Airborne Memorials throughout the Cemetery. Trooper Francis P. Phelps passed away August 28th. Francis was a WWII, 504th Parachute Infantryman. He had retired from the Federal Government Service.

“AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY “

Richard Yates
Secretary

Next Activity: Chapter Meeting OCT 5 – 1300 (1PM) Days Inn, Arlington



WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the May 4th 2002 Meeting

Chairman Greg Beach called the meeting to order at 1310 hours with 20 members present. Chaplain Buck Simmons gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Yates distributed copies of the April 6th Minutes for the members review. Buck Simmons made a motion to dispense with the reading of the April Minutes and to accept them as written, seconded by George Stoeckert and approved.

Treasurer Wally Parr distributed copies of the Treasurers Report and described the debit and credit line items. Wally states the chapter is very solvent and on track with our budget. The \$300.00 deposit check to the Fort Myer Officers Club was returned to the treasury. He received two more All-American Paid for Life members this week for a total of six this year, great Early-Bird income for our treasury. National Director Gordon Sumner made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Bob Amos and approved by the members. National Director Sumner informed the members that they could consider accepting a cash payment if we qualify for the Membership Excellence Award for 2002 in lieu of the 82nd Association Plaque.

Chairman Beach welcomed Chaplain Buck Simmons back from Sick Call having been out with the flu. Buck said Polly is much better also. Buck thanked the members for the cards and calls. Secretary Yates presented a nice letter from Ken Leggett thanking the Chapter for cards and help during his prolonged hospital stay. A letter was received from Elaine Ryan noting her change of address. Elaine misses all her Chapter friends and the trips to Fort Bragg for All-American Week.

Past Chairman Bill Ridley, Andrew AFB Open House Chairman, reports he hasn't heard from Andrews AFB pertaining to changes of schedule or security during the air show. A newspaper article states it will be only a two-day activity, Friday and Saturday, also parking will be at Fed Ex Field, then bussed to Andrews. No official word from air show contact officer. Bill will get the word out about changes ASAP after contacting Andrews AFB again.

Because of prior Army commitments, the Chapter Chair and Vice Chairman will not be able to attend AAW or the National Convention. Chairman Beach appointed Secretary Yates as the All-American Week and Convention Delegate for 2002.

D/Day Commemoration / 1SG Leonard Funk Luncheon Chairman Gordon Sumner met with the management of the Days Inn Motel and arrangements were made for the buffet luncheon to be held in the motel ballroom. Gordon reports the meal is less expensive and a much better menu. We have had "Chef Frankie" cater our evening dinner/meeting and the food and service was excellent. Mrs. Funk will be our Guest of Honor and Dr. John Hardie, who served with 1SG Funk, will once again be our Guest Speaker. His wife will also accompany Dr. Hardie. The Funk Memorial Scholarship Committee will meet to select the winner of the Leonard Funk Scholarship Award. Mrs. Gertrude Funk will present the Scholarship Award at the Luncheon. Gordon asked all members to please return the menu selection by May 31. He then reminded the members that this is a family affair, so please bring your spouse, children or friends. Please be reminded that alcohol may be consumed only in the restaurant downstairs. He is shooting for at least 25 participants for the program that includes wreath laying at the 82nd Memorial and 1SG Funk's Gravesite, the Scholarship Award and the Luncheon. We will line up at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery near the 101st Airborne Division Memorial between 11 and 11:30 AM, 8 June 2002.

Regarding the British Para's visit, 26-28 May, on the way back to England the British Paratroopers will stay two days in the DC area. The plans are to take them sightseeing around Arlington National Cemetery and Fort Myer, hosted by the 3rd Infantry Regiment "Old Guard. On the evening of May 28th the Chapter will host a buffet reception in the Days Inn Restaurant. The Day's Inn was kind enough to close to Restaurant to the general public, allowing us to have it there. The Blue Ridge and the R. Tucker Chapter have been invited to attend and

share the cost of the buffet with us. A Motion to help support to British Paras reception with \$200.00 of the chapter funds was made by George Stoeckert, seconded by Dick Yates and approved. The balance of the Reception is expected to be paid by the Reuben Tucker and/or the Blue Ridge Chapters.

Chairman Beach received word from Bob Elliott that the annual picnic was on track. Dick Yates received a call from Peter Genteau asking for members to sign up for the picnic ASAP so Bob can get a handle on the necessary food. Three members signed up at the meeting for a total of eight for the June 22nd affair. Dick made a plea to sign up as soon as possible.

Regarding the Support to the AUSA 10-miler Run on October 20th, Peter also made a plea for more volunteers ASAP to help out with the baggage handing task that we have supported for the past 2-3 years. This year AUSA is asking us to provide more support due to the increase in security requirements and the lack of military support for this type of support task. Peter needs to report to his Pentagon contact ASAP for the total numbers of volunteers he expects will participate so please don't delay. And remember, you may bring teenager friends and relatives. The goal is 20 or more volunteers. Reporting time is 6AM, and we should be completed by 12 noon. Exact Reporting Location will be provided, as we get closer to the event date.

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Chaplain Buck Simmons. Buck donated his \$24.50 share of raffle to the chapter treasury. Thanks Buck. Also many thanks to Wally and Jeanne Parr for their efforts with the monthly raffles. Trooper Bob Amos made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Floyd Duckett and unanimously approved by the members present. Chaplain Buck Simmons gave the Airborne Benediction.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY, RICHARD YATES 5/5/02
Next meeting will be in conjunction with June 22nd Picnic. See you there.

Army 10 Miler - 20 OCT

The 18th Annual Army Ten-Miler is Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002, at the Pentagon. The race starts at 8:00 a.m. Come support the thousands of civilian and military runners from around the world for America's largest ten-miler and the Army's pre-eminent sports event. The Washington DC Chapter (All Airborne) will be running the entire Garment Check operation. This is the fourth straight year the chapter has supported the Army Ten-Miler but the first year it has assumed total responsibility for this operation. We will make sure the garment check operation is done first class, Airborne All The Way, while also giving the runners some rousing Airborne motivation before the race and a big Airborne "Well Done!" at the end!

As of September 16, 2002, there are over 18,160 runners registered for the race - the largest field ever - with mail-in registrations still coming in. After last year's cancellation of the race due to the events of September 11, the race this year is the biggest ever.

The group leaders are Reggie Grier and Dick Yates. Hours are from 5:30 AM to 12 noon. If you (and family and friends) would like to join this distinguished group in supporting our Army, please contact the Army Ten Miler coordinator, Peter Gentieu at: (email) Peter.Gentieu@hqda.army.mil or by phone at (work) 703-428-8381 or (home) 703-922-4382. Airborne All The Way!

Christmas Party 2002

Mark your calendar for the Chapter's 55th Annual Christmas Party on 14 December 2002. The party will be held in the Chaffee Room at Fort Myer. The cocktail reception will begin at 6:30 PM, with dinner at 7:30 PM. The price will be \$30.00 per person, with two menu options: Filet Mignon or Chicken Cordon Bleu. For reservations, contact **Skip McGrath at: 6662 Midhill Place, Falls Church, VA 22043**. Her phone number is (703) 241-0327. More information and reservation forms will be available shortly. Don't wait reserve now!

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Trooper Dick Yates at the Association Convention With 82d Abn Div NCO of the Year – SSG Shawn Broe and Trooper of the Year SGT Zachary Wobler



Trooper Peyton Williams swearing in his daughter 2LT Catherine Cary Williams during her commissioning ceremony at the University of Virginia, 18 May 2002



Chapter members with members of the British Para Association at May 2002 dinner



Chapter members : Dick Yates, Gerri Porter, Bud Dutton, Elaine & Paul Mentzer with Duke Armendariz, Association President. at the 2002 Convention. Norfolk, VA

Early Bird Membership Drive

Fellow Paratroopers, Glidermen, Rangers, SF and Friends.....

I just wanted to send everyone a reminder that it's "EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE" time!!! Time to Re-UP your 2003 membership to the Washington DC Chapter, 82nd Airborne Division Association.

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP dues accounts for a significant portion of the prorated dues allocated to each Chapter annually. These funds are very important to our sustainability in meeting our annual goals and objectives as well as helping fund our newly established 1SG Leonard Funk Memorial College Scholarship Fund. Without them we are limited in our ability to "show our colors" in the Wash DC area.

For every "Annual renewal" the Chapter receives a \$1.00 rebate from National HQ. For every "Paid For Life - All American" membership the chapter receives \$4.50 per All American Member. Even a better deal, huh? And when becoming an "All American Member", not only do you maintain your membership forever, ensuring you get your Paraglide, etc., your \$4.50 "rebate" to the Chapter continues forever too, regardless of which Chapter you may belong! That's the "Airborne" way....

If you're not an All American Member, I strongly encourage you to send in your 2003 membership "Annual Renewal" today! If you belong to another Chapter but live in the local area I encourage you to transfer your membership to the Wash DC Chapter. When you depart this area we'll ensure your membership also departs with you to your next station.

Don't wait until the last minute, please! We have to have all "EARLY BIRD RENEWALS" into National HQ NLT 15 November so if you wait to send it in to our Treasurer, Wally Parr, yes, you still belong, yes, you are still a member in good standing, but YES, you "take away" from the Chapter this very important rebate. So, please, mail in your completely filled out membership application using the attached form, not the one in the Paraglide, along with your check today to your Treasurer, Wally Parr (address is on the form!)... and BECOME AN "ALL AMERICAN MEMBER" TODAY TOO!!!! This makes a great gift, Christmas, Birthday, etc., as well.

And Remember the next Chapter meeting, 5 OCT, 1300, Day's Inn Hotel, Highway 50 East, Arlington, directly across the street from the Henry Gate on Fort Myer, VA. Please pass this email to all your know who are AIRBORNE TOO!!!! And don't forget to "BRING ALONG AN AIRBORNE TROOPER" to the Meeting on the Oct 5th!!!!

Airborne!

Medical Update: Trooper Bob Beck is recovering satisfactorily from his gall bladder operation on 12 SEP. Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob. It just goes to show you can't keep a tough trooper like Bob down too long. We look forward to his return to the Chapter tougher than ever.

Congratulations to the following New and Transfer "All-American" paid for life members who will be "Early Birds" for the year 2003 and for evermore. Thank You.

Edward Banks	B 2/325 AIR, 11 th SFG (Abn)	Clinton, MD
Thomas J. Duvall	HHC 3/505 PIR, 82 nd Signal Co.	Clinton, MD
Charles D. Frizzelle Jr.	11 th SFG, 12 th SFG {Abn} USAF Test Parachutist	Lorton, VA
George W. Glaize Jr.	82 nd Airborne, PS & M Co.	Winchester, VA
Thomas M. Halligan	Co. C, 307 th Abn Engr. Bn., 82 nd	Glen Burnie, MD
Christian S. Park	1/17 th Cav Regt., 82 nd Abn Division	Columbia, MD
Michael D. Smith	1 st Bn, 319 th Abn FA Regt.	Forest Hills, MD
Robert B. Schmidt Jr.	82 nd M.P. Company WAA7AA	Waldorf, MD
Henry S. Whittier, Sr.	Regt G-2, Bn S-2 2/508 Inf, G-2, 18 Abn Corps	Oak Hill, VA

NEW MEMBERS

Guy M. Albertini	503 rd 82 nd , 8 th Airborne	Timonium, MD
Mark D. Carter	E 2/505 PIR	Owings, MD
Russell E. Glick	504 PIR, 82 nd	Annandale, VA
John O. Gouge, Jr.	511 th PIR, 11 th Airborne Division	Winchester, VA
Patrick D. Julian	Co. A, 3 rd Bgde, 505 PIR	Germantown, MD
Edward P. Robinson	504 PIR 82 nd , 187 11 th Abn Division	Adelphi, MD

If I've failed to recognize any new members, please contact me at 703 256-7397, Thanks



**All Members MUST complete all parts of application
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.



(Please Print) Check the box **All American Member New Member Renewal ***Transfer Membership

Enclosed is \$12.50, my annual membership dues for the year _____, subscription to THE PARAGLIDE included.

**Enclosed is my payment for All American Membership _____.

(\$150 - 49 and younger; \$100 - 50+ years; \$90 - 20 consecutive years membership; \$60 - 25 consecutive years membership)

NAME _____ STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ 9-DIGIT ZIPCODE _____

RANK _____ SERVICE NUMBER _____ OR SSN _____ RETIRED YES NO

AIRBORNE UNIT(S) (Be Complete) _____

DATE OF AIRBORNE SERVICE: FROM _____ TO _____

Month Day Year Month Day Year

PRESENT OCCUPATION _____

SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ DIVORCED _____ WIDOWED _____ # of CHILDREN _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(PLEASE FILL IN THE ABOVE COMPLETELY)

***IF TRANSFERRING MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Make Checks Payable To: DC CHAPTER, 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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