



# *The DC Trooper*

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82<sup>ND</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC.

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## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

Paratroopers, Glidermen, and Friends of the Airborne:

Greetings to all and I hope that 2004 will be a special year for each of you. I am happy to report that your chapter, the Washington D.C. Chapter, of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, Inc. is well and making progress each month. It is our collective intent to make 2004 the best in recent history as we close in on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy and as the Nation dedicates the World War II Memorial in May, so come join us as we move forward.

Our chapter officers and the board of directors are working hard to ensure that our traditional programs are first class affairs and I would like to invite each of you to join us in the following events.

Annual Essay Contest/Scholarship: The 1SG Leonard A. Funk Educational Fund will present its annual scholarship in June 2004. Immediate family members of a chapter member, living or deceased, or an active duty chapter member (E6 and below) are eligible to apply. The rules, application, and criteria can be found on our chapter website. One reminder, please get busy because the deadline to get your packet to our secretary is 15 May, 2004. Good luck!

Armed Forces Day Open house at Andrews Air Force Base: 14-16 May 2004. Come celebrate our military heritage, see the displays, enjoy the demonstrations, and of course stop by our DC Chapter booth in hangar #2 to say hello, sign up if you are not a member or to purchase some of our paraphernalia. Hope to see you there.

1SG Leonard A. Funk Memorial Service and Luncheon: June, 5 2004. Come join us as we commemorate D Day, and 1SG Funk Memorial and Luncheon at Arlington National Cemetery and Spates Community Center, Fort Myer. We meet at the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne (Air Assault) Memorial at the entrance to ANC at 11:30; lay two separate wreaths, then have the luncheon. This is a wonderful event in which we award our annual scholarship and enjoy the company of Mrs. Gertrude Funk. Please join as we pay tribute to our Nation and 1SG Funk.

Future Events: Include our Veterans Day Activities and our Annual Holiday Banquet in December.

In closing, I want to thank all those hard working troopers who make our chapter one of the best in the Association and ask that you come join us as we celebrate our "airborne heritage". Check out our web site at: [www.82ndAirborne-WashDC.org](http://www.82ndAirborne-WashDC.org) for details.

**AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!**

**KEN YOUNGER, Chairman DC Chapter**

**Next Meeting:** 1 May at 1300 (1 PM) Fort Myer Chapel Center



## From the Secretary

Currently the Chapter has 330 members, up from 323 last year. There are still 30 Troopers from 2003 that have not renewed.



508th PIR

### 1SG Leonard Funk (508th PIR) Memorial Luncheon

5 June 2004

(See Attached Reservation Form)

## Armed Forces Day - Andrews AFB (14-16 May)

We need volunteers to provide time to man our Chapter booth at the Armed Forces Day Open House. Andrews AFB (14-16 May 2004). The booth will operate from 0800-1700 daily. Not only is it a chance to support the Chapter, but it is also an opportunity to see a super air show, with the 82nd Airborne Division scheduled to jump each day. If you can support, sign up at the the May 1st meeting or contact the POC: Bill Ridley at 703 250-3044 or email: [wridley@bktravel.com](mailto:wridley@bktravel.com).

## Chapter Picnic - 26 June

Mark your calendar for Saturday, 26 June and the Chapter Picnic. It will be held at the Fort Myer picnic area from 12:00 to 15:00. More information will provided in the near future.

# Bill Katzenstein's Talk - *Revenge is Mine*



On Monday, March 22, 2004, one of our World War II veteran Troopers, Bill Katzenstein, spoke to the members of Temple Beth El on his pre and post wartime experiences entitled "*Revenge is Mine.*" Born in Germany in the 1924, Bill had a normal childhood in the late 1920s and early 1930s. By the mid 1930s things changed in Germany as Adolf Hitler rose to power and his friends joined the Hitler Youth. As a Jewish youth living in Nazi Germany, Bill became very good at defending himself against the fights and violence he experienced from his former friends.

After his emigration to the United States, he was inducted into the U. S. Army in 1943. Later he volunteered for parachute training. In May 1944, Bill graduated jump school and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and the 505th PIR as a translator / interpreter / interrogator with the Intelligence Section (S-2).

Because he spoke fluent German, he was often called upon to lead night patrols to capture German soldiers for interrogation. He participated in Operation Market Garden (OCT 44) and the Battle of the Bulge (DEC 44), where he was wounded and evacuated from the battlefield.



Bill Katzenstein in WW II



**82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.  
WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER  
D-Day Commemoration / ISG Leonard Funk Luncheon  
5 June 2004**



- **The D-Day Commemoration / ISG Leonard Funk Memorial Luncheon will be held at Spates Community Center, Fort Myer, VA. There are two entrée selections.**
- **Please make your selection and return the below detachable portion with your payment to:  
KENNETH M. YOUNGER, PROJECT CHAIRMAN: D-DAY/ FUNK LUNCHEON,  
7710 STONE WHEAT COURT, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315-3727 NLT 31 MAY 2004.**
- **Cost of the meal is \$35.00 per meal. Price includes Salad, Dessert, Bread, Butter, Coffee and Tea.**
- **Please make checks payable to "Washington DC Chapter."**

***Entrée #1: Baked Salmon in Lemon Blanc Sauce,  
Parsley Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.***

***Entrée #2: London Broil with Mushroom Sauce  
Red Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.***

(CUT HERE AND MAIL THIS PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE. THANK YOU AND AIRBORNE!)

PLEASE RESERVE FOR ME THE FOLLOWING MEALS FOR THE LUNCHEON ON JUNE 5, 2004.

ENTRÉE #1: \_\_\_\_\_ EACH                      ENTRÉE #2: \_\_\_\_\_ EACH

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$35.00 PER MEAL.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_