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The DC Trooper

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82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Fellow Paratroopers, Glidermen, and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Trooper Wally Parr back as our Treasurer. Unfortunately Trooper Dave Cain had to resign due to personal issues.

As you can see, our Secretary, Ray Hilgart is doing a super job in taking care of the voluminous paper work and large amount of administrative tasks. Ray's tireless efforts have made a positive impact on the sustainment and growth of our membership. You'll note further into this newsletter that we are # 5 of all the Chapters in membership. Thanks to all who have worked hard to make this possible.

The months of May and June are our most active months of the year. In May we have the Air Show at Andrews AFB, All-American Week at Fort Bragg and the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. In June, there is the 1SG Funk ceremonies and luncheon, and the Chapter Picnic at Fort Myer. There are more than enough activities for you Troopers to participate in, to come out and support. Yet, I still see the same number and faces at these events. I may never understand why our fellow Troopers pay their membership dues and continue to be **GHOSTS**. As you get older and your life moves on, and opportunities pass you by, you will never be able to recover the experiences you could have shared with your BROTHERHOOD of TROOPERS. So, I challenge each and every one to come out and meet us. Come out and share the experience of being a part of the greatest Association of warriors ever assembled. That is all!

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY! Bill Ridley CHAIRMAN



FROM THE SECRETARY (30 Apr 2005)

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS: It is the intent of the DC Chapter leadership to provide (via Email attachment) a copy of the minutes of each monthly meeting to all members listed in the DC Chapter Email address book. This includes current and past members. In addition, a copy will also be provided via postal mail to those non-email members who generally attend the monthly meetings. Unfortunately, the postage costs for mailing a copy to all approximately 150 non-email current members on a monthly basis is excessive; thus these mailings will be limited to those who specifically request a copy so to be assured that the recipient has a genuine interest in the meeting minutes. For those who do receive a copy, it should be noted that an event schedule is generally included with the meeting minutes.

NEW MEMBERS: Four new members were recently added to rolls of the Association and the DC Chapter (*All-American). We extend to them a hearty Airborne welcome.

- Dennis W. Tittle: 2/508th (Nov 1974 – Jul 1977), Woodbridge, VA
- Gerald J. Hill: 187th PIR and 82nd Div (1949 – 1952), Ponchatoula, LA
- *Ronald M. Hrynshen: (No further data available at this time)
- *Rudy E. Schulz, LTC: 504th PIR (Jan 89 - ???), Falls Church, VA

MEMBER TRANSFERS: One member has transferred from the DC Chapter to the Fayetteville Chapter. General Swannack, former Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division has moved his residence to where he will be closer the “Home of the Airborne.”

MEMBERS IN ARREARS: At this writing the DC Chapter has 28 members who have failed to renew their membership for Year 2005. Correspondence has been sent to each of these members reminding and asking them to renew as soon as possible so as not to create a break in continuous regular membership and miss issues of the Paraglide. While it is beneficial to maintain continuous regular membership, it is far more so to become an All-American (paid-for-life) member. One time costs are \$150 except as noted below:

- Active Duty assigned to 82nd Airborne Division..... \$82
- Age 50 and over..... \$100
- 20 Years of continuous regular membership..... \$90
- 25 Years of continuous regular membership..... \$60
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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP STANDING: The DC Chapter is #5 on the Association membership list for Veteran Chapters. We could be #3 if 21 of the 28 members in arrears would renew their 2005 membership. Below are rankings as of March 31st, 2005:

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| 1. Fayetteville Chapter | 1089 members |
| 2. 508 th Nationwide | 470 members |
| 3. LTG Gavin Chapter | 338 members |
| 4. North Jersey Chapter | 329 members |
| 5. Washington, DC Chapter | 318 members |
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PROGRESS OF THE MEMBER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM:

1. In the last newsletter I stressed that an important part of my tenure as the Secretary for the DC Chapter would be to improve membership intra-communications. To be a successful program the effort must have the support of the membership and it must be continuous, maintained and improved over the long term.

2. The Plan is two-fold; first to establish an electronic mail (email) address book for as many members as possible. Second, concurrently recruit as many volunteers as possible having an Email capability who would telephonically notify non-email members of important events occurring within the Airborne community and any new and changing activities in which the DC Chapter is or will be involved. . No attempt will be made to telephonically notify those active and past members currently on DC Chapter rolls who reside too distant to be able to participate in the Chapter events, meetings, and activities.
3. Below are two status charts 1 and 2 by which the progress of the notification effort will be measured. Updated charts shall be presented as printed handouts to the membership at the monthly Chapter meetings.

LINE	EMAIL MEMBER VOLUNTEERS TYPE CHAPTER MEMBER	Mar 31	Apr 30	Change
A	Email Current Members (local address)	136	138	+2
B	Email Current Members (distant address)	12	12	--
C	Email Past Members (local & distant)	29	30	+1
D	Total Members w/Email Address (A + B + C)	177	180	+3
E	Pool of Available Email Volunteers (=Line A)	136	138	+2
F	Email Pool Members Unable to Volunteer	10	10	--
G	Email Pool Member Volunteers	18	18	--
H	Email Pool Members to Recruit (E – F - G)	108	110	+2
I	Email Pool Member Volunteer Rate (G ÷E)	13%	13%	--

CHART 1: VOLUNTEER STATUS OF EMAIL MEMBERS

LINE	NON-EMAIL MEMBERS TO BE LISTED TYPE CHAPTER MEMBER	Mar 31	Apr 30	CHANGE
A	Current & Past Members w/o Email (local)	177	181	+4
B	Current & Past Members w/o Email (distant)	38	38	--
C	Current & Past Members (no address / phone)	26	27	+1
D	Total Current & Past Mbrs w/o Email (A+B+C)	241	246	+5
E	Current & Past Members not Participating	3	3	--
F	Pool of Members Available to be Listed (A-E)	174	178	+4
G	Non-Email Pool Members Listed to Date	55	55	--
H	Non-Email Pool Members yet to be Listed (F-G)	119	123	+4
I	Non-Email Pool Members Listing Rate (F ÷ G)	32%	31 %	-1%

CHART 2: LISTING STATUS OF NON-EMAIL MEMBERS

4. Some ask why bother with those whose membership is in arrears. The answer is that some may have overlooked their renewal. As for the others, well, we just don't want to lose them altogether. We always hold out hope that lost souls can be saved.
6. All should be aware of the fact that the Chapter membership as identified on the Association roster differs from that of the Chapter roster because the Chapter roster retains the names of deceased for historical purposes and include those in-transit and those pending a final membership status determination.
7. Eighteen (18) DC Chapter members have thus far volunteered for the notification effort. They are identified below along with the number of non-email members each has agreed to include on their notification list. I ask that these members inform me if errors are noted.

Brian Austin (3)	Mike Boswell (1)	Bob Elliott (3)	Russ Glick (3)
Reggie Grier (3)	Ray Hilgart (5)	Keith Kettell (2)	Bill Tavik (2)
Jim Mallory(3)	Ed Maltese (7)	Gerri Porter (4)	Jim Rigas (3)
Rob Skinner (3)	Clyde Tate (3)	Jack Thompson (2)	
Jim Whitenack (1)	Bob Woods (4)	Ken Younger (3)	

Chapter members who have an Email capability but have not yet volunteered to participate in the Member Notification Program. Remember, the more email member volunteers, the fewer non-email members each will have to include on their notification list. I ask all to consider participation Further, I ask that all who have an email capability to inform me of your email address if you are not already in the Chapter address book. This will help reduce the cost of mailing cards, letters and newsletters.

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(No Photos this newsletter. There will be some in the next edition. I know many of you have photos of interest to the Chapter. Please loan them to the Chapter Chairman or Secretary for inclusion. Thank you)

82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER Minutes of the Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 Meeting of the Board of Directors

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman Bob Woods called the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1200 hours in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel complex at Fort Myer Virginia. Five (5) Officers and Directors were present. Those absent were excused absences due to (a) job requirements, (b) travel status, (c) illness or (d) hazardous weather conditions for driving distance involved.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT (5)

Bob Woods, Vice Chair	Ken Younger, Past Chair	Ray Hilgart, Secretary
William Martin, Chaplain	Robert F. Elliott – Director	

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ABSENT (7)

a-Bill Ridley, Chairman	d-Wally Parr, Treasurer	a-Reggie Grier, Director
a-Gordon Sumner, Director	b-Richard Yates, Director	a-Jack Thompson, Director
c-Bill Katzenstein, Director		

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PAST MEETING:

Agenda: Vice-Chairman Woods distributed the meeting agenda sheet and expressed his appreciation to those present for taking the time to attend.

Minutes of Past Board of Directors Meeting (February 5th, 2005): The Secretary stated that the minutes of the past Board of Directors meeting of February 5th, 2005 had been rolled into those of the general membership meeting of the same date and all present have had the opportunity to read and review those minutes. Further, because those minutes had already been read, discussed

would be moot and would not be held. Any further deliberation related to content of the meeting minutes of February 5th, 2005 could be raised from the floor as old business. The Secretary then indicated that in the future, specific minutes for each Board of Directors meeting would be generated separately from that of the general membership meetings.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ITEMS:

DC Chapter Summer Picnic:

- Vice-Chairman Woods started out with the topic of the summer picnic by stating that he would serve as the picnic committee chairman. His first order of business would be to make arrangements with the appropriate Fort Myer officials for reservations and commitments once Fort Myer was established as the picnic location and once a firm date or set of dates had been established for the picnic.
- The Vice-Chair then stated the essential elements for decision would be date, location, type (potluck, caterer, mix of both), cost-sharing process and sponsorship (joint or others by invitation). He then asked for comments and suggestions from the floor.
- Following a discussion, a tentative date of Saturday, June 25th, 2005 was set and this date would be affirmed at the next general membership meeting. Also the favored location for the picnic seemed to be the Fort Myer picnic area, the same as last year.
- The general consensus was that a Picnic Committee and the Committee Chair be announced by the Chairman at the next meeting. The Committee probably should include the Treasurer so to be assured that allocation of picnic costs to the Chapter are not excessive. The Committee Chair, through the Committee, would set the manner of providing for the picnic area, food snacks and drinks and the allocation of costs to individuals in attendance and/or the Chapter.
- The Committee would also determine the sponsorship element, i.e., joint picnic sponsorship with the Col. Rueben Tucker Chapter joining with the DC Chapter; DC Chapter sponsorship only and members of other chapters by invitation; or DC Chapter sponsorship only with only DC Chapter members attending. Those at the meeting favored DC sponsorship with invitation to the Rueben Tucker Chapter membership.
- The DC Chapter summer picnic discussion ended at this point, deferring additional discussion announcements and decisions to the next general membership meeting.

DC Chapter Representative at National Convention of 82nd Airborne Division Association: Vice-Chairman Bob Woods stated that any Chapter member wishing to serve as the DC Chapter representative at the Nation Convention in Milwaukee in August 2005 should make their desires known before or at the next meeting on May 7th 2005. In the event that no member steps forward, Chairman Bill Ridley will serve as the Chapter representative.

Appointment of Committee Chair for the Funk Education Fund Award: Secretary Hilgart stated that one of the DC Chapter Bylaw requirements is that the Chapter Chairman appoint the Chair of the Funk Education Fund Award Committee. Vice-Chair Woods, serving as the Chapter Chair in the absence of Chairman Ridley, appointed himself to this position and as such will lead the effort of the Board of Directors in the selection of the award recipient in accordance with the approved

1SG Leonard Funk Education Fund Award Plan & Application:

- Secretary Hilgart reported that the DC Chapter bylaws established requirements and guidelines for the administration of the Leonard Funk Education Fund. One of the requirements is that an Award Plan be developed to provide guidance in the identification and selection of recipients of the Funk Education Fund Award. The Chapter bylaws stipulate that the Board of Directors of the DC Chapter approve the Award Plan. Approval of the general membership is not required.
- Secretary Hilgart then distributed copies of the proposed 1SG Leonard Funk Education Fund Award Plan to the Officers and Directors in attendance for their review, comments and/or discussion. He stated that the proposed Plan was dated March 31, 2005 and the major differences from the previous Award Plan were as follows:
 - ✓ Awards may be multiple.
 - ✓ Award(s) may not be less than \$250 versus the previous \$100 minimum.
 - ✓ Award eligibility granted to Chapter Members in good standing. Previous Plan intended to include such Chapter members but did not explicitly include such a statement.
 - ✓ Clarifies award application submission procedures for those who had submitted applications in previous years.
 - ✓ Identifies Funk Education Fund as source of funding for documented expenses incurred in the administration of the Funk Education Fund Award – not to exceed \$100 per year.
- Director Bob Elliott entered a motion that the Award Plan of March 31, 2005 currently under consideration be approved. Secretary Hilgart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote of the Board of Directors.

Definition of Postal Mail Costs for Chapter Membership Notifications:

- The Secretary requested that the Board of Directors define the postal mailing expenditure authorized for notifying Chapter members of issues related to activities of the Chapter Notification via electronic mail to the approximately 170 email members is essentially cost-free. The approximate annual postal mail costs related to the various mailing options were stated as follows:
 - ✓ Option A: Monthly meeting (post card) notices to all current 170 members without an email address and living within a 50-mile radius - \$500
 - ✓ Option B: Quarterly newsletter to all current 170 members without an email address and living within a 50 mile radius - \$280
 - ✓ Option C: Monthly meeting minutes to all current 170 members without an email address within a 50-mile radius - \$700
 - ✓ Option D: Monthly meeting minutes to those members who generally attend the monthly meetings - \$70
 - ✓ Option E: Annual membership renewal reminder cards to all current members who are not All-American members - \$50

entered a motion to authorize the costs for implementing Options B, D and E stipulating that such costs be limited to the total of the three authorized options, which in this case not more than \$400 annually. Further, the motion stipulated that each issue of the Chapter newsletter carry a one-page flyer announcing upcoming meetings and activities for the year. Secretary Hilgart seconded the motion and was unanimously passed by voice vote of Directors present.

Comments of Director Bob Elliott:

- **French Legion Award:** Report by Trooper Bob Elliott to be presented at the general membership meeting.
- **Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th, 2005:** Report by Trooper Bob Elliott to be presented at the general membership meeting.
- **Army 10-Miler Program:** Report by Trooper Bob Elliott to be presented at the general membership meeting.
- **Gala Event of April 8th for WWII Veterans of Arlington County:** Report by Trooper Bob Elliott to be presented at the general membership meeting.

D-Day Commemoration and First Sergeant Leonard Funk Luncheon: Report and request for Plan approval to be presented by the Project Chairman Ken Younger at the general membership meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Director Bob

**WASHINGTON, DC. CHAPTER
82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Activity Calendar for 2005**

Sat May 7	Chapter Meeting
Fri May 20-22	Armed Forces Day Air Show @ Andrews AFB POC (Chairman Ridley)
Fri May 23-29	All-American Week - Ft. Bragg
Mon May 30	Memorial Day Parade – Wash. DC
Sat Jun 4	1SG Leonard Funk Memorial & Luncheon ... POC (Trooper Younger)
Sat Jun 25	Chapter PicnicPOC (Vice Chair Woods)
Wed Aug 10-13	82 nd Airborne Division Association Convention @ Milwaukee
Sat Sep 3	Chapter Meeting*
Sat Oct 1	Chapter Meeting*
Oct 2	Army 10 MilerPOC (TBD)
Sat Nov 5	Chapter Meeting
Fri Nov 11-13	Veteran's Day Operations
Sat Dec 3	Christmas Party / Holiday BanquetPOC Skip McGrath

*Board of Directors Meeting 1 hour prior to Regular Meeting