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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,

Since our Chapter picnic in June, time has flown by. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I was proud to serve as your Delegate at the Association Convention in Milwaukee (10-13 AUG). The most important event occurring during the Convention was the resignation of our President, Pat Kelly. The reasons for this sudden departure were not clearly explained. I am sure more information will be made known to all members in the near future. Because of this vacancy in our top leadership position, the Board of Directors voted Tom Graham (Gavin Chapter) as President for the remainder of 2005. One other significant piece of information, briefed by the Division to all the Directors and Delegates, was the plan for a drastic restructuring of the 82d Airborne Division. The plan has many different parts and substructures, but basically what is in the plan is the creation of a 4th maneuver Brigade and permanent structuring each brigade as a Combat Team (Battle Task Force). Much more information on this will be forthcoming. The best of the Convention was the opportunity to socialize and speak with the young troopers, who are about to deploy to Afghanistan or Iraq, many for the third time. They remain positive and upbeat about the importance of the War on Terrorism, and the battle to come.

Now, it is time to focus on the last quarter of the year as we are getting ready to JUMP into our fall and winter program. The first event is the Army 10 Miler (2 OCT). We need volunteers to help record and store the runner's gear. Trooper Ken Younger is the Action Officer for this activity. After this, we have the big mission of operating the Associations' Veterans' Day Hospitality room (9-11 NOV). I will be the Chair for this event. We need folks to help decorate, act as bar tenders, hospitality room operations, inventory sales and clean up. If you can help, let me know. There'll be more information to follow. Airborne!!

AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY! Bill Ridley CHAIRMAN



FROM THE SECRETARY (22 Aug 2005)

NOTE - NEXT DC CHAPTER MEETING: The next general membership meeting for the DC Chapter is now scheduled for 1300 hours on Saturday, September 10th, 2005. The location is Fort Myer in the Community Hall within the Main Post Chapel, across from the Main Post Exchange. At 1200 hours, the Board of Directors will meet in the same location. A lot of new items are in the hopper so please make it if you can.

RESIGNATION OF ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT PATRICK M. KELLY: The Executive Director of the Association requested distribution of the following message:

TO: 82nd Airborne Division Association Membership

This is to inform you that effective 301055 July 05, President Patrick M. Kelly submitted his resignation as President for "Personal Reasons". Therefore, the first item on the agenda for the Board of Directors during the Convention was the election will be to discuss his resignation and elect a new President to serve for the remainder of 2005. Rest assured that this situation is covered by our By-Laws and every step taken is being done by the book.

National Headquarters hopes that this release will put a stop to rumors and curb the amount of emails and telephone calls to the office regarding this subject. Keep in mind that National is burning the mid-night oil preparing the stats and reports needed for next week's Convention and prepping for the Board of Directors/Election Meeting.

We ask that each of you do your part to stop the many rumors circulating, keep your members informed and assure them that everything is under control and more information will be made available at and after the Convention. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation regarding this matter.

Airborne! Manuel E. De Jesus, Executive Director

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP STATUS: The status of current DC Chapter membership follows. Note that the Association numbers as of August 4, 2005 vary slightly due to postal and administrative delays.

TYPE MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERS ON DC CHAPTER ROSTER (Aug 4, 2005)	MEMBERS ON ASSN ROSTER (Aug 4, 2005)
All-American Active Duty	67	66
All-American Veteran	180	180
Total All-American Members	247	246
Regular (Annual) Members	94	93
Total Current Membership	341	339

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID AFTER AUG 1, 2005: Any membership dues received by the Association after August 1st, 2005 will be for Year 2006 unless the DC Chapter determines a special circumstance is in order. Members paying such dues shall be considered "Early Bird" members for 2006.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP STANDING: The DC Chapter moved up from #5 to #4 on the Association membership for Veteran Chapters. Below are rankings for the top five as of June 6th, 2005.

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| 1. Fayetteville Chapter | 1140 members |
| 2. 508 th Nationwide | 485 members |
| 3. LTG Gavin Chapter | 343 members |
| 4. Washington, DC Chapter | 333 members |
| 5. North Jersey Chapter | 332 members |

WELCOME NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS: The following members were recently added to rolls of the DC Chapter. We extend to them a hearty Airborne welcome. An asterisk (*) indicates a new All-American Member.

James L. Mullaney*
SFC John R. Hitchner
Willie Stocks, Jr
Miles Kimber
Fred D. Wiggins*
Col (Ret) John J. Powers
Patrick G. Findlay

LTC Elizabeth A. Coble*
James M Hoffnagle
James W. Whiting
Col (Ret) Lance M. Feero*
Billy Jo Kingfisher
SFC Ronald Iverson

James D. Infanger*
Gilbert F. Williams
LTC Andres A Lopez
Reginald Thomas
Lennardo D. Bailey
LTC Mathew Brady

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY: US Senate passed Resolution (SR86) to designate August 16, 2005 as National Airborne Day. On August 15th, 2005 the President signed a Proclamation to that effect. Those who wrote, called and emailed their respective senators should be proud of their individual effort. And, especially, we should be proud of our own Bud Dutton who has been the primary and driving force behind this success. We thank him for his continuing and tireless effort.

NOTICE OF ADDRESS CHANGES: This subject seems to be a frequent topic for discussion in the quarterly newsletters. The reason is that both the Association and the Chapters lose a significant amount of funds when mail is returned for a defective postal address. The Association must pay 70 cents for each Paraglide returned. The DC Chapter, with a postal mailing list of approximately 175 non-email members, loses up to \$5.00 with each mailing because of undeliverable mail. This amounts to an annual total amount approaching \$40. So please, when your postal address changes, send a change of address card to your Chapter Secretary or the Paraglide. A change of address form is also included in your Paraglide, usually on the inside front cover.

PROGRESS OF THE MEMBER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM: In the May 2005 DC Trooper Newsletter the Member Notification Program was introduced and explained. As the DC Chapter Secretary and the Chapter Membership Coordinator I stressed that an important part of my tenure as the Secretary for the DC Chapter would be to improve membership intra-communications and that 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. The basic goal is to persuade and recruit as many email members as possible to volunteer to telephonically notify non-email members of important events.

I will have to admit that I have not been as aggressive toward achieving this basic goal as I should have. I won't go into the reasons why (excuses, if you may). Suffice to say that we should be at the 40-50% level in Line I of Chart 1 below and we are at the 29% level. I will be in the recruiting mode for the next three months and hopefully we can reach our 50% target by the time the next newsletter rolls around in November. Remember, the more email member volunteers, the fewer non-email members each will have to include on their notification list. I ask all email members to consider participation.

<i>LINE</i>	EMAIL MEMBER VOLUNTEERS TYPE CHAPTER MEMBER	<i>Apr 30</i>	<i>Jul 31</i>	<i>Change</i>
A	Email Current Members (local address)	138	150	+12
B	Email Current Members (distant address)	12	14	+2
C	Email Past Members (local & distant)	30	27	-3
D	Total Members w/Email Address (A + B + C)	180	191	+11
E	Pool of Available Email Volunteers (=Line A)	138	150	+12
F	Email Pool Members Unable to Volunteer	10	9	-1
G	Email Pool Member Volunteers	18	18	--
H	Email Pool Members to Recruit (E - F - G)	110	123	+13
I	Email Pool Member Volunteer Rate (G ÷ E)	13%	12%	-1%

CHART 1: VOLUNTEER STATUS OF EMAIL MEMBERS

<i>LINE</i>	NON-EMAIL MEMBERS TO BE LISTED TYPE CHAPTER MEMBER	Apr 30	Jul 31	CHANGE
A	Current & Past Members w/o Email (local)	181	186	+5
B	Current & Past Members w/o Email (distant)	38	35	-3
C	Current & Past Members (no address / phone)	27	30	+3
D	Total Current & Past Mbrs w/o Email (A+B+C)	246	251	+5
E	Current & Past Members not Participating	3	17	+14
F	Pool of Members Available to be Listed (A-E)	178	169	-9
G	Non-Email Pool Members Listed to Date	55	49	-6
H	Non-Email Pool Members yet to be Listed (F-G)	123	120	-3
I	Non-Email Pool Members Listing Rate (F ÷ G)	31%	29%	-2%

CHART 2: LISTING STATUS OF NON-EMAIL MEMBERS

DC Chapter is planning to support this activity by manning a garment check-in and checkout point. Volunteers will be needed to man this checkpoint and this notice is to provide a heads-up to those who might be so inclined to volunteer their services. Note that age is not a factor – volunteers will not be required run the ten miles. Trooper Ken Younger is our DC Chapter coordinator and George Banker manages the program from the Army side of the house. The run will be in the vicinity of the Pentagon with the garment checkpoint in the Eads Street Parking Lot. Parking for volunteer will be available in the Hayes Street Parking Lot at the end of Army/Navy Drive and parking passes will be distributed to the volunteers. George Banker stated that he would also provide an information session on September 24th from 1700-1900 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott for the DC Chapter leader and others desiring to attend. Those desiring to volunteer please contact your DC Chapter Secretary who will provide all the necessary details relating to the Army Ten-Miler.

ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROGRAM AT FORT BRAGG: The Home Page for XVIII Airborne Corp at Ft. Bragg had the following announcement from Vicky Lee of the Community Relations Office.

Quote - I have about 240 Soldiers of the 82d Airborne Division who deployed to Afghanistan in April and will be there through at least the end of the year (but more than likely until April of 06). I have put their names and addresses into my "Adopt-A-Soldier" database. I thought some of you (or your churches, clubs, family members, neighbors, etc.) might be interested in "adopting" one of them. It basically just involves sending them a care package every now and then and if you want...writing & sending them cards, letters, emails (though they don't all have access to a computer) Let me know if you are interested in "adopting" one of them and I will send you name and address. – **Unquote**.

To be sure, Vicky welcomes any support from individuals or organizations that are interested. Contact her as follows:

--Vicky Lee, Installation Operations Office (Community Relations)
--XVIII Airborne Corps & Fort Bragg
--Fort Bragg, NC 28310
--Phone: (910) 396-5401 or (910) 396-8015; FAX: (910) 396-5380
--Email: Vicky.lee@us.army.mil

NATIONAL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: The 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund has been approved and accepted to participate in the 2006 (Fall 05) Combined Federal Campaigns throughout the country. Association Members and friends of the Association who are either federal or postal employees may donate to the Fund through the CFC conducted in their local area. The specific number is 2131 and it will be listed in the CFC Brochure/Pamphlet under Military, Veterans and Patriotic Public Service Organizations of America. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance the Association's Educational Fund.

ELECTION OF DC CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: In accordance with provisions of Article IV of the DC Chapter bylaws, members present at the November 2005 general membership meeting shall choose Directors and Officers of the Chapter. Any active member in good standing in both the National Association and the Chapter shall be eligible for nomination and election as a Director or Officer of the Chapter. The following positions will be open for nomination and election. All are urged to participate in this election by both (1) stepping forward as a nominee and (2) by voting.

- Position #01 – Chairman (currently held by Bill Ridley)
- Position #02 – Vice-Chairman (currently held by Bob Woods)
- Position #03 – Secretary (currently held by Ray Hilgart)
- Position #04 – Treasurer (currently held by Wally Parr)
- Position #10 – Director #4 (currently held by Gordon Sumner)
- Position #11 – Director #5 (currently held by Bill Katzenstein)
- Position #12 – Director #6 (currently held by Dick Yates)

WORLD WAR II 60th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION: The Department of Defense World War II 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee presents a tribute to World War II Veterans. It is celebrated as the Victory-in-Japan (VJ) Day. Specific information related to this event follows.

--Friday, September 2, 2005 at 1900 hours (Get there early)
--World War II Memorial In Washington, DC.
--FIREWORKS - EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
--Priority to World War II Veterans and Their Guests
--For more information, call toll free 1-877-868-2058 (or)
--Visit us on the web at www.60wwii.mil

Trooper Bob Elliott adds the following:

- Events at the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC are sponsored by the DoD and will include a vast number of veterans and family members. The estimated number of attendees is 10,000. The SECDEF is the

participants include President George W. Bush (Invited), Secretary of the VA, James Nicholson (Invited), Sergeant Major of the Army (Invited). Performances will be given by the USO Liberty Bells, Navy Band and the Airmen o Note. The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Choir will also perform at this event. There will be a fireworks display at the conclusion of the event.

- The DoD will provide free bus transport from Pentagon-controlled lots in Crystal City: Army-Navy Drive and Haye Street and Fern Street. Bus transport will be from these lots. Also free bus transport will be provided from Farragut West, Smithsonian, and Federal Triangle Metro Stations. Hotel pick-ups can be provided upon request from WWII veteran organizations and tour operators. There will also be golf carts available at bus drop point on Independence Avenue AND FROM Home- front Drive and the vicinity of the WWII Memorial.
- Please circulate this information to all interested veterans and veteran service organizations. It is important that this program be witnessed by all our veterans and family members. It is a tribute to all WWII veterans and particularly those who served in the Pacific Theater.

SHORT SHOTS:

- If you have an email address, please let your Chapter Secretary know. The Chapter can save up to \$3.00 per member per year on postage costs when a member is included in the Chapter email address book.
- If you reside at a distance from the Washington, DC metropolitan area and you plan to attend the 2005 Veteran's Day Activities, you might want to register early at the Arlington Days Inn. See page 9 of the Summer Paraglide for registration form.
- Be sure to read our DC Chapter news on page 44 of the Summer Paraglide. We won't repeat it all here. Trooper Jim Rodier (WWII 505 PIR) looks great.
- As of June 30th, 2005, a total of 3,199 WWII Veterans were Association members.
- A number of creative and well-intentioned efforts designed to "support the troops" have been suspended by the DoD. Primary reasons include the possible introduction of hazardous materials into the mail system, unsolicited mail, packages and donations compete with needed military supplies for the limited aircraft space and the compromise of both national security and the personal security of the soldiers wherein their names and addresses were often placed on distribution lists. The DoD recommends the following Web Sites to show your support:

www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html

www.usocares.org/home.htm

www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html

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

MEETINGS:

---Sat (Sep 10)	Chapter Meeting @ 1300 hours*
---Sat (Oct 1)	Chapter Meeting @ 1300 hours*
---Sat (Nov 5)	Chapter Meeting @ 1300 hours

* Board of Director Meeting 1 hour prior to Regular Meeting

EVENTS:

---Oct 2	The Army Ten-Miler POC (Trooper Younger)
---Nov 10-12	Veteran's Day Activities & Operations POC (Trooper Ridley)
---Dec 3	Christmas Party / Holiday Banquet POC (Skip McGrath)



Jim Rodier, Ken Leggett & Ray Hilgart – AF Day Andrews (May 05)



Jim Rodier, Dick Owen, Herm Krum & Jim Rigas – French WW II Award (May 31/05)



Chapter Picnic – June 2005



Chapter Picnic Chief Babysitter – Trooper Sumner



Guest Speaker, WW II Merrill's Marauders Veteran , Charles Yinger – Picnic 2005



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