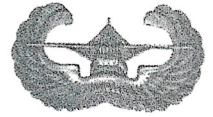




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NJ – CPL Steven Koch “All Airborne” Chapter



The “Jump In”

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A lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

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Chapter Officers for 2024

The NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter has elected the following officers for the 2024 calendar year.

Chairman – Mike Vasquez, Vice-Chairman – Dave Chelak,
Secretary – Bob Dritschel, Treasurer – Vic Balint,
Chaplain – Charlie Moe, Sgt at Arms – Henrik Moe.



The Chapter Facebook page has been re-established for the members. Please visit the “82nd Airborne Division Association New Jersey CPL Steven Koch Chapter” Facebook page for recent news and articles. Posts are always welcome.

The National Association is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund.

Please forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville #2- North Jersey #3- Washington DC
1472 437 419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES

(882 Issued)



Contact Henry Moe (732-721-3997) or
Vic Balint (732-713-5782) for Information

2024 All American Week

The 2024 All American Week is scheduled to take place on May 20 - 23, 2024. Registration is \$155 per person and includes the Association Dinner Social, a picnic lunch at the Fayetteville Clubhouse and BBQ dinner hosted by the Fayetteville Chapter, as well as access to the hospitality room in Moon Hall. Hotel reservation can be made at Airborne Inn - Moon Hall for the prearranged price of \$89 per night.

**CHAPTER MEETING
PLACE**

AMERICAN LEGION
Post 25
4 J.F. Kennedy Drive
Milltown, NJ 08850

MEETING TIME

Officers Meeting
12:00 PM

Members’ Meeting
12:15 PM

On the 3rd Saturday of
every month

MEETING DATES 2024

January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Special Forces Group
Memorial Bataan
Death March
March 16, 2024**

**National Airborne Day
August 16, 2024**

**National Convention
October 14 - 17, 2024**

**Chapter Christmas
Luncheon
December 21, 2024**

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Airborne Soldiers:

My name is Mike Vasquez, and what an honor it is to be our Chapter Chairman. I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy new year. I have been a lifetime member of the Association since 2000, but sadly didn't start attending our chapter meetings until March 2022. What a mistake I made. Hopefully I will be able to carry on the tradition of our Past Chairmen, Vic Balint and Don Martin, and those before them. I would like to give our Secretary, Bob Dritschel, a big "Airborne Shout" for previously pulling double duty as the Chapter Secretary and Treasurer. Without Bob, the Chapter would not be as well off as we are now. Only a few people know what Bob does, please believe me "it is a lot". Thank you, Bob. Also, our Vice-Chairman Dave Chelak for recording our monthly meetings for those who cannot attend, but can watch the meetings thru our Facebook page. Great job Dave and thank you for that. And not to forget our Chaplain, Charlie Moe, Sgt at Arms, Henry Moe and our Trustees, Don Martin, Henry Moe and Richie Allen. But most of all, all of the troopers that attend the meetings. Thank you guys. The Chapter has 437 members and I would like to encourage all of the members to wear their airborne shirts, hats and to have a Chapter card or two in their wallet. When meeting another trooper, offer him a card and invite him to the Chapter meetings. (If you need some Chapter cards, please contact me and I will get them to you). The Chapter is again going to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March down at the Jersey shore. Please believe me, it is something that you can do. Last but not least, I want to remind all of us to carry on the "Airborne Tradition", we are not "legs". Please try to attend our meetings. Our last meeting was well attended and after we all went and had a great holiday lunch. We have a great bunch of guys that attend our meetings with a variety of skills and knowledge. Even if you never came to a meeting, please don't be afraid to call me or another officer for a personal issue. While I cannot guarantee anything, we will always be there for you. And you can call me anytime, 24/7.

Airborne,
Mike Vasquez 732-735-4017

P.S. - I also want to thank Vic Balint for volunteering to take over the duties of Chapter Treasurer.

NJ- CPL Steven Koch Chapter Merchandise

The Chapter has several items emblazoned with the Chapter logo for all that wish to purchase one and show their pride in the 82nd Airborne Division Association and the local New Jersey Chapter. Below are some of the items available:

CHAPTER T-SHIRT (2-SIDED)

\$22.00



CHAPTER POLO SHIRT

\$35.00



CHAPTER BALLCAP

\$25.00



Anyone wishing to purchase any of the items can either contact one of the Chapter officers or send a request to the Chapter PO Box along with the funds to cover the cost of the item and \$9.95 to cover the costs of shipping.

Army-Navy Football Game

The annual Army/Navy football game was played in New England in 2023. The game was won by the West Point cadets 17-11. As the game was played in New England, the West Point Marathon Team's run of the game ball was not made thru New Jersey. But in 2024, the Football run will again route thru New Jersey on its way to Landover, MD. It is expected that the Chapter will again participate in a breakfast stop for the West Point Cadet Marathoners. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters.

SICK CALL

Please take time to call or write to your Airborne Brothers...
Ray LoLargo 68 Worden Ave Hopelawn, NJ 08861

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Harold A. Schroeder – 11/13/1941 - 07/29/2023

Harold was a veteran of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment and 77th Special Forces Group. He had served as President of the National Association in 2013 -2014.

Bataan Memorial Death March

The Special Forces Association, Chapter 19 (New Jersey) is again coordinating a virtual march along the Jersey Shore Boardwalk. The memorial march is to take place on March 16, 2024. The opening ceremony, which will honor the 1000 American and 9000 Filipino allies that died due to the torturous conditions enforced by their Japanese captors during the forced march in April 1942, will start at 0745. Several members of our 82nd Chapter will be participating. For more information and registration information, contact the SFA Chapter 19 at SFAchapter19@gmail.com

News & Views from the Secretary

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. The new year starts with a new Chairman of the New Jersey-CPL Steven Koch Chapter, Mike Vasquez. Mike has taken the reigns and has a lot of great plans to put the Chapter on an even more solid ground. Chapter membership stands at 437, but Mike has noticed that only about a dozen members regularly come to the monthly Chapter meetings and events. Mike has made it his mission to try to get a more active membership and will soon be initiating a membership contact committee to reach out to all of the current members to start the communication about the benefits of the Chapter activities. It is his hope that this communication will lead to some of the current members to become a little more active. If you do get that call or text from one of the Chapter officers, please respond. It is our first step to engaging the membership. That engagement also works both ways. If there is anything that we can be of help with, please let us know.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter News

Our Chapter has ball caps, T-shirts and polo shirts for sale that has the Chapter logo. Please visit the chapter Facebook page or contact Chapter officers in order to purchase them. Also, enclosed with this newsletter is the annual Chapter raffle. Please support the Chapter by purchasing the enclosed raffle tickets as this is the one of the Chapter income producing activities. And note that last year, the 50/50 pool reached a sum of \$2000.00, which was split between the Chapter and the three winners pulled.

National Association Website & Email

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Email: execdir@82assn.org

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

[www.82ndairborneassociation.org/
paraglide.html](http://www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide.html)

Take a look at the new format of the Paraglide, it is much easier to read.

82nd Division News

Colors for the 82nd Airborne Division Combat Aviation Brigade were cased inside a hangar at Simmons Army Airfield to symbolize about 1,500 soldiers preparing for an upcoming deployment to the Middle East. The deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of operation was announced earlier in 2023 and is part of a regular rotation of forces. The 1,500 troops, aircraft and ground equipment from the Combat Aviation brigade will continue operations under Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve to advise, assist and enable partner forces in the region. The mission of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve is to defeat Daesh, which is the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. The troopers from the brigade are expected to be gone for about nine months.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

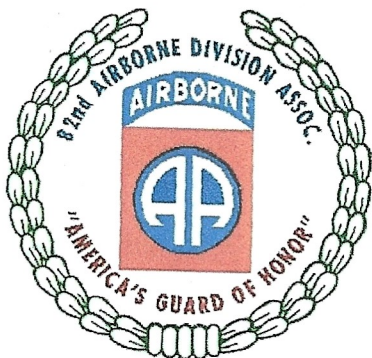
KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

Please note that recent casualty information is not included in these numbers. The *Army Times* does not update these figures anymore. As known to all, these numbers increase and will be updated as formal numbers are given.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please contact the editor with any information pertinent to the chapter. Members can always contribute to the newsletter or the Facebook page. Member updates of Chapter and Association records can be made by using the application on the newsletter or by the association website.

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JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS



82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application
NJ – CPL Steven Koch "All Airborne" CHAPTER



Personal Information;

Name (Print): _____ (M.I.) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

(No email address will restrict your access to information)

Chapter Preference: _____

Affiliate Chapter (Active Duty Only): _____

Phone (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

SSN (last four only)/ASN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Spouse: _____

Please check one _____ Annual Membership (\$35.00) _____ All American Life Member \$350.00

-----Reinstate _____ Transfer _____ New Card (\$5.00) _____ New Certificate (\$10.00) _____ Update

I would like to donate _____ \$10.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100 _____ Other Amount

To _____ Association General Fund _____ Chapter General Fund _____ Education Fund _____ Wounded Warrior Fund

Service Information:

Current Status: _____ Retired Military/Veteran _____ Active Duty/Reserve/National Guard _____ Rank

****Time In Service: Entered Service (month/year) _____ ETS Date (month/year) _____****

Unit: _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Combat Tour/Conflict _____ from month/yr _____ to month/yr _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a copy of your DD214 for new member applications