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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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National Airborne Day
August 16

The NJ Chapter is coordinating with the Philadelphia Chapter to conduct a ceremony at the Airborne memorial in Hightstown. It is expected that members of both Chapters, along with members of the Special Forces Group in New Jersey will attend. After the ceremony,

Chapter Picnic for 2023

The NJ – CPL Steven Koch Chapter will again have their annual picnic in conjunction with the American Legion Post 25 in Milltown. The picnic is to occur on August 26th this year, starting at 12:00 PM until ????. At the Chapter picnic, the Chairman will conduct the pulling of the Chapter raffle. The Chapter looks forward to all of its members attending. If anyone is in need of transportation, please reach out to the Chapter officers for help.



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 Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association’s Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation made out to the Wounded Warrior Fund would be greatly appreciated. Please forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville #2- North Jersey #3- Washington DC
1472 439 419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES

(875 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

82nd Airborne Division Association Convention

The 77th Convention of the 82nd Airborne Division Association is scheduled to be held between August 9 to 12, 2023. Early registration expires on August 1, 2023. Hotel Reservations can be made directly at SHERATON PENTAGON CITY HOTEL 900 S ORME STREET, ARLINGTON, VA 22202 800-325-3535 using our Group name: 82nd Airborne

CHAPTER MEETING

PLACE

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

MEETING TIMES

Summer Meetings
6:00 PM

Every 4th Tuesday in
June, July & August

Winter Meetings
12:00 PM

On the 3rd Saturday of
all other months

MEETING DATES 2023

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 27 - 6 PM
July 25 - 6 PM
August 22 - 6 PM
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Fort Bragg Renaming
Ceremony**
June 1, 2023

National Convention
August 9 - 12, 2023

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2023

**Chapter Christmas
Luncheon**
December 16, 2023

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Paratroopers,

Memorial Day has just concluded and it is, once again, a time of barbecues and picnics with friends and family. The veterans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice want us to enjoy life and to have a good time, but it is important to recognize that without their sacrifice, we would not be enjoying the freedom that America is famous for. Please be sure to thank the veterans that you come in contact with and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A simple "Thanks" will go a long way. Also, make sure that your children and grandchildren understand what Memorial Day is about.

Like many Veterans Organizations, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars need more members and more participation. The Veterans who have gone before us, will appreciate you supporting these organizations.

As I've mentioned before, we seem to be living in turbulent times. Please, do not compromise your integrity. When the lines of right and wrong become blurred, you must uphold the standards and do the right thing. As a U.S. paratrooper, people may look to you for guidance. You must lead by example. Guide your children and grandchildren. We are still the best country in the world and remember to thank God for our Blessings.

Airborne, All The Way,
Vic Balint 732-713-5782

News & Views from the Secretary

The Chapter picnic is scheduled for August 26th this year. I hope all can attend. It is a great time for all to connect with their fellow paratroopers and to also interact with members of the American Legion Post 25. With Memorial Day just behind us, it is important to remember the ultimate sacrifice that our fellow military members have given in order for each and every one of us to enjoy the freedoms that we have. Please remember that without their sacrifice, this great country may have a far different set of ruling laws and freedoms. I would also like to reach out to all members in regard to thinking about assuming one of the more active roles in our Chapter, including volunteering for election for one of the officer positions. Active membership is what is needed to keep any organization successful. The current officers and the few active members are all doing their best in regard to keeping our Chapter functioning, but more help is truly needed. Please reach out to our Chapter Officers if you would like more information on the officer positions. Wishing all of my fellow paratroopers a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight David Mauro



Dave delayed entry enlisted in the US Army while a senior in High School. After graduating from high school, he reported to the Fort Jackson reception center in September, 1978. From there, he then reported to Fort Benning as the 1st one station unit training (OSUT) unit for basic training and advanced infantry training in the old "Harmony Church" area of the post. Upon graduation, Dave then went to airborne school in January, 1979, being assigned to 44th Company. He arrived at the 82nd Airborne Division Reception in February, 1979 and was then assigned to 2nd Brigade, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Dave served as a rifleman, team leader, squad leader and unit armorer. Dave achieved the rank of E-5 (Sergeant) prior to leaving Fort Bragg in September, 1982. Dave was also awarded the Good Conduct medal, the Army Commendation medal and the Army Achievement medal and had been named brigade and battalion trooper of the year during his time in the 82nd. After Fort Bragg, Dave served as a reserve drill sergeant with the 78th Training Division. Dave retired from a law enforcement career as a Detective Lieutenant with the Morris County Sheriff's office after 26 years. Dave and his wife Melissa reside in Mount Olive, where they raised their two sons, Bill and Nick. Dave is an active member of the NJ - CPL Steven Koch Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, 325th Infantry Regiment Association, American Legion Post 164 and is also a member of the American Legion Riders and the Blue Knights NJ8.

Veterans Benefits

Gulf War Illness Update

The National Institutes of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs have launched a 5-year study to understand the chronic symptoms of what's now called Gulf War illness. The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law provides veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

SICK CALL

Please take time to call or write to your Airborne Brothers...

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TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Edward Busch – 1925 – 03/01/2023

Joseph Palumbo – 1943 - 02/25/2023

82nd Airborne Division Hall of Fame

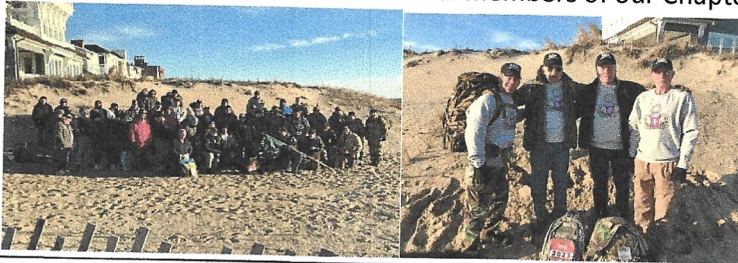
The 82nd Airborne Division has recently inducted the following soldiers into its Hall of Fame.

Retired U.S. Army Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, Retired U.S. Army Gen. John Nicholson Jr., Retired U.S. Army Gen. Dennis L. Via, Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Joseph K. Kellog Jr., Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Freddy E. McFarren, Retired U.S. Army Col. Jack Hamilton, Retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Jack P. Nix, Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Steven L. Payton, Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Charlie A. Thorpe, Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Yates, Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Edward A. Bell and Sgt. Owen B. Hill.

The Inductees' selection was based on their service within the Division, their lifelong commitment to the Division's values, valorous combat action or contributions to their chosen field outside of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Bataan Memorial Death March 2023

The Bataan Memorial Death March occurred on March 19, 2023. This memorial march was coordinated by the Special Forces Group #19, of New Jersey, which conducted the opening ceremony, honoring the 1000 American and 9000 Filipino allies that died at the hands of their Japanese captors during the forced march in April 1942. More than 50 people participated in the March, including active duty soldiers from Fort Dix, members of the Special Forces Group, numerous civilians and several members of our Chapter.



Chapter News

The Chapter has made a change in the scheduling of the summer monthly meetings, which will now occur on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:00 PM.

Our Chapter has ball caps, T-shirts and polo shirts for sale that have the chapter logo. Please visit the chapter Facebook page or contact chapter officers in order to purchase them.

National Association Website & Email

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

www.82ndairborneassociation.org/paraglide.html

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

82nd Division News

Several thousand 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers were deployed to Poland in February of last year, amid mounting signs of Russia's intention to invade Ukraine. The paratroopers were there to reassure our NATO allies, deter any potential aggression against NATO's eastern flank, train with host-nation forces, and contribute to a wide range of contingencies. Prior to the 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers' arrival, it had been over seventy-five years since a paratrooper from the division had set foot on the European continent during a period of such tension. Although their predecessors in the division had jumped into combat or rode their gliders into places such as Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Normandy, Holland, Belgium, and ultimately Germany, last year's deployment brought the paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division to a new country to add to its lineage: Poland.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

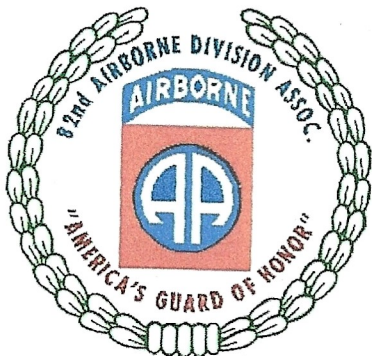
KIA – 2369 WIA – 20,245

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
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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