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North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter
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The "Jump In"

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The lifeline for Paratroopers and Glidermen

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North Jersey Chapter 2019 Chapter Picnic



The North Jersey Chapter has elected to have their Chapter picnic with the Milltown American Legion at their on-site picnic area, starting at 12 PM on September 7th. Tickets will be available thru the Chapter for \$15. Purchases "at the Door" will be welcome but it is requested that you contact a Chapter Officer for advanced purchases, as a headcount is needed for the catering. This picnic is being held after a couple of years of not having one due to limited attendance. Please make an effort to attend and support the chapter. If anyone needs transportation to the picnic, please contact the chapter officers for assistance.

A Facebook page has been created for the Chapter. Please visit the "82nd Airborne Division Association North Jersey Chapter" Facebook page.

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association's Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation from each member of the chapter would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bob Dritschel for further information.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville	#2-North Jersey	#3-Washington DC
1472	479	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (778 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe for Information

2019 National Convention

The National Convention is to be held in Washington DC from Aug. 7 to 10. Activities will be held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. Anyone interested in attending please visit the 82nd Airborne Association webpage or contact one of your chapter officers.

CHAPTER MEETING PLACE

AMERICAN LEGION

Post 25

4 J.F. Kennedy Drive
Milltown, NJ 08850

MEETING TIME

12:00 pm – Officers Meeting

12:30 pm – Members Meeting

MEETING DATES 2019

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 7

October 19

November 16

December 21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National Convention
Washington, DC
August 7-10, 2019

National Airborne Day
August 16, 2019

Chapter Picnic
September 7, 2019

Annual Veteran's Day
Activities
November 10-12, 2019
Washington, DC

North Jersey Chapter
Christmas Lunch
December 21, 2019

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Trooper's of the North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter,
Greetings and I hope everyone has had a wonderful
Easter / Passover Holiday Season! I'm writing this message
on 23 April 2019 and it is a beautiful, sunny spring day. The
kind of day that makes you thank God for being alive. Thank
God for your blessings and remember the Fallen Comrades
that helped make this day and every breath of free air
possible.

Last Saturday, we had our monthly meeting and we had
11 people attend. This is more than any meeting in the last
two years. Hopefully, we can build on this success and entice
more Troopers to join us. We currently have 445 members in
the North Jersey "All Airborne" Chapter.

Joe Holloway was a new face at this meeting. He was a
member of the "Triple Nickel" and a Vietnam Combat Veteran
of the 1st Cavalry. I was surprised to hear that he served with
and was a personal friend of Rick Rescorla. Years ago, I read
an article in Soldier of Fortune Magazine about Rick
Rescorla. He was a young Officer who first served with the
Rhodesian Army / Police and later in Vietnam with the 1st
Cavalry. He was famous for singing to his Troops. He was
also head of Security at the Twin Towers on September 11,
2001. Rick Rescorla tried to help as many people as he could
that day and would not abandon his post. It is said that he
saved "thousands". When Joe Holloway offered his
condolences to Rick Rescorla's Widow, Susan shared the
words of his last phone call when he knew the end was
near. He expressed his love for her and the wonderful life he
lived.

The previous Chairman, Don Martin, gave me a book
written by one of our Chapter members, Colonel (Ret) Jack
Jacobs. "*If Not Now, When*" is a well written, insightful,
sometimes humorous, story about Jack's life before, during,
and after his multiple tours in Vietnam. Jack was awarded the
Medal of Honor for action during his first tour of duty in
Vietnam. I highly recommend this book to all.

Again, if you are facing some kind of adversity, I am
available 24 hours a day. Airborne, All the Way! Vic

News & Views from the Secretary

As we look forward to another spring and summer, I would like
to take this moment to reflect on the recently passed Memorial
Day. Memorial Day was first widely observed in May 1868.
The celebration commemorated the sacrifices of the Civil War
and the proclamation was made by Union General John A
Logan. Following the proclamation, participants decorated
graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers.
In years since World War I, the day has become a celebration
of honor for those who died in all America's wars and veterans
that had died while serving in the military. I had read recently
that "Every soldier writes a personal check to their nation
payable up to, and including, his life". And there is no better
time to reflect on the meaning of this than the day honoring
those who had sacrificed their lives so that every other
American can enjoy their freedom.

Recently, the chapter has undertaken a outreach to all
members that have lost contact with the Association. It is with
great satisfaction that this effort has re-established contact
with so many members, who will be now be getting this
newsletter and will be notified and be able to take part in the
chapter events. Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member Highlight

ED BUSCH



Ed's military service started in 1944 when he was drafted
and assigned to the 493rd Military Police Company and
deployed to The Philippines. Ed had arrived in The
Philippines just after General MacArthur had toured the
area. After his first enlistment ended, Ed re-enlisted and
was assigned to HQ company, 188th Infantry Regiment, 2nd
Military Police Battalion of the 11th Airborne Division as
part of the occupation force in Japan. Ed's transport to
Japan was by ship and then marching from Kure to Hiro,
Camp Schimmelpfennig, Ed then completed his jump
school training at the camp. Ed had received his jump
wings, making his jumps from a C-46 Commando. Ed had
been assigned to several areas in Japan, most notably
Hiroshima and Kure. Ed's commendations include the
World War II Victory Medal, the Atza Victory Medal and the
Army Occupation Medal. While on guard duty at the
railroad area in camp, Ed has fond memories of watching
the 11th Airborne paratroopers landing on the drop zone.

D-Day Memories Start to Fade as Participants Pass Away

Almost all knew of someone who had participated in the D-
Day operations, what is regarded as history's largest
amphibious invasion. Those soldiers have told us about the
experiences, both good and bad, of that successful
operation. Those memories are slowly vanishing as the
active participants, many in their 90's and 100's, pass away.
The US Veterans Administration estimates that
approximately 350 World War II veterans pass away each
and every day. Of the 73,000 Americans who took part on
that day, just 30 are scheduled to make the trip to France
for this year's 75th anniversary activities. Many will
remember their fallen comrades from their wheelchairs.
On June 6, President Trump will travel to France to honor
the more than 2 million American, British, Canadian and
Allied forces involved in the D-Day operation that helped
paved the way to the defeat of the Nazis. I had recently
been asked to research a friend's father's service, as he had
recently passed away. To my surprise I had found out that
he participated in the D-Day operations, specifically coming
ashore with the 29th Infantry Division on the second day of
the invasion. I urge all members to connect with our
remaining World War II veterans and ask what we could do
for them as they have already done so much for us.

SICK CALL

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

John Carlson

Ed Busch

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

Hilbert, John (Jack), (1932-2019)

Jack was a US Army veteran at the time of The Korean War. Jack served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1953 to 1955.

Hague, Doug, (1933-2018)

Doug was a US Army veteran that served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1951 to 1954.

Pawlukewich, Harry, (1929-2019)

Harry was a US Army veteran that served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1948 to 1952.

Memorial Day

This year's Memorial Day remembrances were highlighted with the knowledge that 75 years ago on June 6th, the D-Day operations commenced. Many soldiers lost their lives during the initial phase of the invasion and many more were killed while trying to wrest control of Europe from the Nazis. Additionally, the fighting in the Pacific during World War II was no less catastrophic. This year we pay special thanks for the bravery and ultimate sacrifice of these heroes.

Veteran News and Benefits Feature

New Jersey (Statewide)

Disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients are exempt from payment of municipal parking meter fees, for up to 24 hours, as long as their vehicle displays a valid "Disabled Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient Placard", which is issued by the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission.

New Jersey Transit

Military members and their families may purchase rail tickets at the senior citizen rate by showing a valid military ID.

Chapter News

As stated in the Secretary's message, the North Jersey Chapter has continued with their outreach to all members that have lost contact. This list included some 200+ members. All of these members were sent a personal letter and a postcard to return to re-establish contact. This outreach has resulted in many members re-connecting with their airborne brothers. And with the Central Jersey Chapter folding due to diminishing membership, all of the former members of that chapter were transferred to the North Jersey Chapter membership rolls. Those members were sent the similar outreach contact letters in order for them to take advantage of our chapter events. We look forward to these members coming to this year's activities.

National Association Website & Email

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PARAGLIDE Website Address

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

Take a look at the newest issue of the Paraglide, its format now is much easier to read.

82nd Division News

A mortar team from the 82nd Airborne Division has taken the title of Best Mortar Team. The team, consisting of SSG James Pennington, SGT Alec Norton, SPC Christain Elliot and PFC Loren Dow, bested the other 119 teams they had competed against. The competition took place on April 11, during Infantry Week at Fort Benning. The competition included the ability to march with their mortar equipment, land navigation and proficiency on non-mortar weapons. Tests were given to show the knowledge of mortar calculations, radio checks and live fire calls. The final day included a live-fire exercise with the 81 mm where coordinates were given and one with an observed target. An 82nd Airborne Division Team has won this award every year since the competition's inception.

Army Times Statistics

Global War on Terror

KIA – 2352 WIA – 20,065

Please note that recent casualty information is not included in these numbers. The *Army Times* does not update these figures due to the formal notice of conclusion of the War on Terror. As known to all, these numbers increase and will be updated as formal numbers are provided. The US currently has about 14,000 troops on Afghanistan. Current KIA's noted thru the media for the 2019 calendar year is 7.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please contact the editor with any information pertinent to the chapter. Anyone wishing to submit a column to include in the newsletter is welcome. 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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82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application NORTH JERSEY "All Airborne" CHAPTER



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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 (After 5 years there is an annual maintenance fee equal to 50% of the then current annual membership fee.)

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

To _____ General Fund to benefit the Association's Programs _____ 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: _____