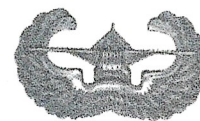




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2021 National Convention

The Association's 2021 national convention is scheduled to take place in Houston, Texas, on August 11- 15, sponsored by the Lone Star Chapter. Look to the Association webpage for more information.

North Jersey Chapter 2021 Picnic



The North Jersey Chapter will be having their Chapter picnic in conjunction with the American Legion Picnic on September 4, 2021. The picnic is to be held in the American Legion pavilion located on JFK Boulevard in Milltown. The Chapter will pay the \$20.00 entrance fee to all members that attend. Any additional family member(s) entrance fee will be the responsibility of the member.

The Chapter Facebook page has been re-established for the members. Please visit the "82nd Airborne Division Association North Jersey Chapter" Facebook page for recent news and articles. Posts are always welcome.

The North Jersey Chapter is requesting donations from its members to support the 82nd Airborne Association's Wounded Warrior Fund. A donation would be greatly appreciated. Forward any donation to the Chapter PO Box.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

#1-Fayetteville	#2- North Jersey	#3- Washington DC
1472	443	419

AIRBORNE LICENSE PLATES (825 Issued)



Contact Henrik Moe at 732-721-3997 for Information

2021 All American Week

All American Week has been moved to August 30 to September 2 in order to accommodate the Association members that are going to attend. Anyone wishing to attend can contact the National Association or visit their website for registration.

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 2021

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All American Activities

August, 30 to
Sept 2, 2021
Fort Bragg, NC

Annual Veteran's Day Activities

November 11-14, 2021
Washington, DC

Chapter Christmas Luncheon

December 18, 2021

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Troopers,

I'm writing this message on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021. America is slowly emerging from the effects of Covid-19 and some people are enjoying their maskless Freedom, while others still feel the need to wear a mask. Regardless of political affiliation, on Memorial Day it's important to recognize the sacrifice of our Veterans. To some people, the day means just another "long weekend" or an excuse to have a barbecue. We, as Airborne Soldiers, need to set the example and remember those who are responsible for the Freedoms we enjoy. We all have important things to do and places to go, but sometimes all it takes are a few words to remind others of the significance of the Day. I, too, am guilty of not properly celebrating the Day. For the first time, I went with my American Legion Post and the Boy Scouts to put Flags on the graves of Veterans at Saint Peters Cemetary in New Brunswick, NJ. Saint Peters Cemetary seems to have a very high population of Veterans and after the Flags are erected, the sight is very sobering and humbling. The most heart wrenching sight is the Graves of Soldiers who were killed in the flower of their youth. They will never know the touch of a woman, the birth of a child, or the laughter that a grandchild brings. Sometimes, life is unfair. When it seems like everything is going wrong in your life and your problems seem overwhelming, please remember them. Your problems will pale in comparison.

This morning, I was coming out of the Beacon Diner in Lehigh, PA when a car with a "Gold Star" decal pulled up next to me in the parking lot. I asked the driver if they were a "Gold Star Family". He said that the woman in the passenger seat was a "Gold Star Mother". I walked over to her while wearing my 82nd Airborne sweatshirt and thanked her. She thanked me for my service. I told her that her sacrifice was so much more. My service seemed insignificant. The entire conversation lasted about 30 seconds because I did not want to open the old wounds of her child's death. Also, because I was starting to tear up. I'm certainly not as tough as I used to be. My two sons are both in the Military and I don't think I would be able to deal with the death of one, or both.

When you wear your Airborne hat or shirt, please conduct yourself as an Airborne Soldier. The public will judge every Airborne Unit by your conduct.

Airborne, All the way! Vic 732-713-5782

News & Views from the Secretary

As I write this column, the severe restrictions brought on by the pandemic have started to subside. It is with great hope that the world starts to get back to what was considered normal prior to all of this. Events are now being planned and people are starting to venture out. To go along with that, the Chapter has intended to invite any member that feels comfortable to the picnic that we are having with the American Legion in Milltown. It is wished that all that can make it will come as the solitude and isolation of the past year was not good for anyone. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow paratroopers and let's start to live as all should in this great country.

Airborne, Bob

Chapter Member

Highlight

Henrik Moe



Henry was born on May 1, 1935.

He enlisted in the Army in May of 1953, going to Camp Kilmer and then to Camp Polk by troop train. He completed 16 weeks of basic infantry training with C-145 Infantry Regiment, 37 Infantry Division, remaining in Camp Polk when the Korean War ended. In April 1954, his division participated in "Operation Flashburn", flying to Fort Bragg. After maneuvers, they went to Fort Riley and the Division became the 10th Division. Henry was at Fort Riley from May to September of 1954 and then he applied for Jump School. He reported to Fort Campbell and completed jump school in November 1954, his outfit being E/511 AIR, 11th Airborne Division. In early 1955, his regiment went to Fort Polk and participated in "Operation Sagebrush". The 11th Airborne Division was planning on moving to Germany at that time and was building up its ranks. With only one year left in his enlistment, Henry was sent to the 3rd Division at Fort Benning. In May 1955, while at Fort Benning, he attended leadership school. Henry completed his enlistment in May, 1956 and was discharged as a corporal. Upon returning home, Henry worked for NL Industries as a Lab Technician for 15 years. Henry then became a Police Officer with the Sayreville Police Department and spent the next 25 years there until his retirement in 1996. Henry is an active member in the 82nd Airborne Division Association, the American Legion, the AmVets and the C-47 Club. In 1994, Henry traveled to Europe to take part in the 50th anniversary of D-Day, traveling to England, Normandy, Belgium and Holland with the C-47 Club. In February 2001, Henry went to Belgium with the C-47 Club and participated in the "Battle of the Bulge" Ardennes Walk. IN 2004 and 2014, Henry again took part in the 60th and 70th anniversaries of D-Day, traveling to Normandy with the C-47 Club. Henry is married to his wife Evelyn for 62 years and has two children, Michael, who is in the Marines and Christine, who is in the Air Force, and 2 granddaughters. To this day, Henry continues to be an active outdoorsman, enjoying both hunting and clamming every year.

Veterans Administration Help Line

The Veterans Administration has established a contact number for all veterans that need assistance with any type of issue. They have stated that they are willing to help. The number you can reach them at is 1-800-MYVA-411 (800-698-1411). If you need any assistance with anything related to the Veterans Administration, give them a call.

SICK CALL

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

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Ray LoLargo 68 Worden Ave Hopelawn, NJ 08861

TAPS

A final salute to our departed Airborne Brothers

From the Chapter Outreach, it was noted that the following members have passed away.

John Perozzi

Arthur Coakley

Richard Parry

Daniel Lipich

Joe Rapp

John Conlon

Francis Keresztury

Michael Meehan

Eugene Zielinski

Walter Carlson

William Grieder

Thomas Dugan

Richard Mascuch

George Allgeier

James Cowap

Thomas McDermott

John Mullin

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execsec@82assn.org

PARAGLIDE Website Address

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

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

82nd Division News

The 173rd Airborne Brigade trained its drivers recently on one of the Army's latest infantry vehicles. The Vicenza, Italy -based unit has been using the Army Ground Mobility Vehicle — described as a "21st century Jeep" — since 2018. But members of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment are now training a new batch of AGMV operators. Army officials consider the all-terrain AGMV a much-needed addition to global quick response forces like the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 82nd Airborne Division. The General Dynamics vehicle can be slung beneath a UH-60 Black Hawk or carried inside a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, and delivered to a landing zone along with the unit's troops. Weighing 6,000 pounds, it can carry a nine-member infantry squad and all their gear from the landing zone to their destination. This allows the troops to be dropped further away from potential enemy fire and then use the AGMVs to find an off-road avenue of approach that an adversary isn't expecting. Although unarmored, it allows for quick responses to changing battlefields.

US Army News

This year the US Army celebrates its 246th birthday. The Army was officially established June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of expert riflemen into the American Continental Army. The Navy was formed a few months later, and the Marine Corps a few months after that, all in 1775. Several units have planned celebrations for this event.

Lawmakers offer legislation for veterans suffering from toxic exposure

Many veterans who served overseas throughout the 1990s and the post-9/11 wars have since been diagnosed with cancers, respiratory issues and lung diseases at young ages and have blamed exposure to toxic fumes from open-air burn pits. They have sought VA benefits and health care, but the department has contended that there isn't sufficient evidence to support their claims. A contingent of lawmakers is pushing to expand the number of veterans who are eligible for presumptive benefits and health care, as well as initiate a major reform of how the VA handles claims of military toxic exposure. The bill would expand eligibility to VA health care for all veterans who were at risk of toxic exposure during their military service, including 3.5 million veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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.

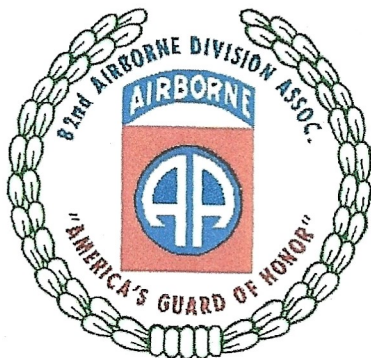
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

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

Chapter News

The Chapter sincerely thanks all of the Chapter members that have purchased the raffle tickets. The proceeds from the raffle supports many activities of the Chapter, such as the member outreach that was conducted and the printing and mailing of this newsletter. Thank you all. The drawing of the raffle is to take place at the August meeting.

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82nd Airborne Division Association Membership Application
NORTH JERSEY "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 _____ 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: _____